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3DO 24-
SUBJECT: (Confidential) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Drexel Hill, Pa., at approximately 81500Z, August 1957
SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT CONT'D

[redacted] advised that she noticed this light while scanning the sky in the hopes of seeing the celestial phenomenon known as the "tears of St. Augstine." [redacted] stated that the light was at an altitude of about 65 degrees elevation when she first noticed it and that it traveled to a point of about 25 degrees elevation when it went out of sight. Azimuth was estimated as 90 degrees throughout the one or two moments of observation. The light's disappearance from sight was attributed to its passing behind the dormer of a neighboring residence.

[redacted] described the method of her sighting and observation of the light as ground-visual. No physical evidence of this sighting was available.

Time of sighting was estimated as between 1500-1530. Light conditions were described as night.

Location of observer was determined as: 40° - 10' - North, and 75° - 15' - West.

[redacted] identified herself only as Mrs[redacted], a housewife. Source claimed no military or other observer experience.

WEATHER:

b. Source was unable to describe the weather other than that it had been a clear night with no moon.

On 13 August 1957, Miss MARY McCORMICK, Meteorological Aide, furnished Special Agent D'HOOGE with the following observations obtained 81230Z, August 1957.

Winds Aloft:

At the Surface	290 Degrees	at 2 MPH
6000'	330	14 Kn
10,000'	330	20 Kn
16,000'	330	27 Kn
20,000	340	23 Kn
30,000'	360	27 Kn
38,000'	20	64 Kn

Ceiling: 15,000

Visibility: 12 miles

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Hill, Pa., at approximately 81500Z, August 1957
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Cloud Cover: 9/10

McCORMICK advised that she had been on duty as an observer at the time of the aforementioned observations and through midnight on that day and that she had witnessed no thunderstorms or no other unusual activity or condition that might account for the sighting.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this district unless directed by competent authority.

STANLEY V. SZAPIEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

CC: ~~Dir~~, Sp Inves, HED USAF, WASHDC (trip)

Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp (AD), NCCA, Wil., Del (dupe)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. CAMERON STREET, HARRISBURG, PA.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

3DO 24-190

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

16 SEP 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted in Camden, N. J., on 23 August 1957 by [redacted]

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. [redacted] interviewed 30 August 1957, stated that while watching the sky enroute to work in Camden, New Jersey, he observed a glowing bell-shaped object the size of a grapefruit, climb and then dip out of sight NE of Camden, N. J. U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., reported no unusual weather or celestial activity noted on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

a. On 30 August 1957, Mr[redacted], age 45[redacted] Avenue, Camden, N. J., was interviewed at U. S. Naval Supply Depot, 700 Robbins Avenue, by Special Agent DOUGLAS T. REYNOLDS.

[redacted] advised that at 0700 hours to 0710 hours, 23 August 1957, while proceeding to work from his home, he observed a bell-shaped, silver, glowing object, the size of a grapefruit held at arms length. [redacted] advised that the object seemed to climb, then dive and disappear. [redacted] further advised that while the object was performing the maneuver it was also going away from his position and getting smaller in appearance. [redacted] stated that, to his knowledge, there was only one object that seemed to elongate and flatten out as it moved away from him. [redacted] further stated that he saw no tail, trail, exhaust or any describable feature, nor did he hear any sound. [redacted] advised that the object was at approximately 45° when he first sighted it and at approximately 25° when it disappeared. Total duration in view was approximately one (1) minute.

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Camden, N. J. on [redacted] SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT (Cont'd)
23 August 1957 by Mr[redacted]

[redacted]escribed the method of his sighting and observation of the object as ground-visual. [redacted]produced a photograph of the object that he had taken.

Location of the observer at the time of observation was between his home and the Palmyra-Tacony Bridge.

[redacted]dentified himself as a civilian carpenter employed by the U. S. Navy at the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Pa. [redacted] further advised that he is a retired U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer and has had observer experience as part of his past navy duties.

[redacted]advised that he was watching for the object as he had seen it almost every day for the past week on his way to work. [redacted] advised that he first started seeing the objects since he first read two books on "flying saucers". [redacted] further advised that he feels that the objects will land in the future and contact him personally but that he does not know when this contact will take place.

WEATHER:

b. Source was unable to describe the weather other than it was daylight and hazy.

On 30 August 1957, DOROTHY SANFILITTO, Steno-Clerk, U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., furnished Special Agent DOUGLAS T. REYNOLDS with the following observation 1155Z, 23 August 1957.

Winds:		
At Surface	20 Degrees	7 Knots
6000'	80	11
10000'	60	12
16000'	40	15
20000'	20	11
30000'	50	20
50000'	290	11

Ceiling: None

Visibility: 3 miles with smoke

Clouds: None

SANFILITTO advised that records contained no information concerning any meteorological activities or conditions that might account for the sighting.

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object in Camden, N. J. on 23 August 1957 [redacted] SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT (Cont'd

SANFILITTO advised that weather balloons are launched daily from Philadelphia Municipal Air Port at 2400 hours and 0600 hours, Eastern Daylight Time.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this District unless further directed by competent authority.

Bernard J. Duffy
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Photograph of Unidentified Flying Object

CC: ~~Dir~~, Sp Inves, HED USAF, WASHDC (trip) (w/o Incl)

Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp (AD), NCCAB, Wil., Del (dup) (w/o Incl)

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The Inspector General USAF
3d District Office of Special Investigations
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 709

19 NOV 1957

3DO 24-195

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted while
traveling on U.S. Route 60 from Covington,
Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West
Virginia (2 or 3 miles within the
West Virginia state line) at approximately
2215Z to 2220Z, 11 November 1957.

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. **SYNOPSIS:** [redacted] advised that at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957, while traveling with his wife, [redacted], and three (3) children on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, they sighted an object which looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle at an estimated Azimuth of 210°. The object seemed to change in color alternately from orange to grey; the opposite end was a constant orange color. There was no unusual noise. The object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. [redacted] stated that he could not exactly tell between the tail of the object and the exhaust. They lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object.

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2. **DETAILS:**

AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

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a. On 12 November 1957, Mr [redacted] Age 42, General Superintendent [redacted] Company, residing at [redacted] Charleston, West Virginia was interviewed by Special Agent THOMAS G. REYNOLDS.

[redacted] related that he, his wife [redacted] and three (3) children had sighted an object that looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object's nose seemed to change in color

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alternately from orange to grey and that at the opposite end was a constant orange color. [redacted] stated that there was only one object and that he did not hear any unusual noise. He further related that the object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. He said that he could not tell exactly between the tail of the object and the exhaust and that they lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object.

[redacted] was traveling west on U. S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to While Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and stated that the object was sighted as they came to a hill approximately two (2) to three (3) miles within the West Virginia state line. He related that the sun had set and that the sun was either dead ahead or on the right of the highway at that point. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle and at an estimated azimuth of 210° to 220°. [redacted] related that the method of his sighting was ground visual with the aid of 6 x 30 binoculars. Time of sighting was estimated as between 2215Z and 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957; was observed for a period of three (3) minutes and did not seem to be moving very rapidly. The light conditions were described as dusk and the sky clear.

Location of observer was determined as: 38° 36" - North, 80° 28" - West.

[redacted] felt that in his opinion it was not a jet plane or a shooting star, as the object was moving too slow for either of the above.

WEATHER:

b. On 14 November 1957, Mr. JOHN MAYER, Meteorologist in charge U.S. Weather Bureau, Kanawha County Airport, Charleston, West Virginia furnished Special Agent THOMAS G. REYNOLDS with the following observations for Charleston, West Virginia on 1800Z, 11 November 1957:

Winds Aloft:

At the Surface	North, Northwest	at 4 KN
6000	100 Degrees	1 KN
10,000	280	11 KN
16,000	260	14 KN
20,000	280	19 KN
30,000	270	23 KN
37,000	270	74 KN

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Hq, DO3, File 3DO 24-195, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted while traveling on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia (2 or 3 miles within the West Virginia state line) at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z, 11 November 1957.

Ceiling: Clear Sky

Visibility: 15 Miles

Cloud Cover: None

MAYER advised that there are no weather facilities in the White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia area, but that all weather stations around the area reported clear skies with no restrictions to visibility. He stated that, in his opinion, the weather and winds would be very similar to that of Charleston, West Virginia in White Sulphur Springs at the particular time the object allegedly was sighted. He further advised that he could not account for the sighting and that there had not been any unusual or any known activity that could explain the sighting.

Stanley O. Szapulat Col
For and in the absence of /USAF
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

cc: Comdr, 783rd AC&W Sq.
Guthrie AF Station
Charleston, West Va.
(w/o incl) (dup)
~~Dir OSI~~ (trip)

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3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

13 DEC 1957

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[redacted]
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Philadelphia, Pa., Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning your sighting of a satellite.

By letter dated 26 November 1957, the FBI referred the above information to this District Office.

Since your sighting of the object in the summer of 1954, was not reported to this office until 29 November 1957, no action can be taken by the Office of Special Investigations.

In the event you should again sight a similar object, it is requested that you so advise this District Office immediately.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

for Stanley [illegible] USAF

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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cc: Dir OSI (w/1 Incl - Cy. Ltr
Phila, Pa., Div, FBI dtd 26 Nov 57
addressed to [redacted] w/1 Incl)

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26 Dec

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

66-1974

500 Widener Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
November 26, 1957

[redacted]nue,
Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]:

Your recent letter, received November 19, 1957 by this office, indicates that in the summer of 1954 or 1955 you saw a satellite come through the sky and land behind the Socony Vacuum Oil Company in Paulsboro, New Jersey. You indicate that you reported this to the company at the time, and that the company believed it was a meteorite.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding your communication to the Detachment Commander, 3rd District, Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF Detachment, 900B Customs House, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania, for such action as they deem appropriate.

The spirit which prompted you in forwarding this information is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. E. Hennrich,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: OSI, PH (Enclosure)

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[redacted]1, PA.

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Federal Burea of Investig
U.S. Dept. Justice
Widener Bldg.
City

LETTER

Federal Burea of Investigation [redacted]
Wedner Bldg. Phila Pa.

PHILA. PA.
(ND)

Gentleman

In the summer of 1954 or 1955 I saw a satallite come thru the sky and land in back of Socony Vacum Oil Co. in Paulsboro NJ. I reported this to the company at the time, Who thought it was a meteorite. If anyone should be interested, I can give them the details.

Yours truly
[redacted]

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3DO 24-198

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at [redacted] Huntington, West Virginia at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted], interviewed, 2 December 1957, stated that a noise outside her house, it caused her to investigate the cause. She noted an object about the size of an automobile appearing to be two metallic hemisphere joined off center resting on her house. Shortly thereafter, the object ascended straight up and was lost from sight. She stated there was originally a crash and then a sound similar to a jet engine followed by a beeping sound. She advised that although the wind was calm, there was a large amount of wind associated with the object. She did not estimate the speed but stated the object arose vertically from her roof and was out of sight in about one minute. U.S. Weather Bureau, Huntington, West Virginia reports no unusual weather or celestial activity noted on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

a. On 2 December 1957, M/Sgt EUGENE R. [redacted] tion, stated that on 29 November 1957, a Mrs [redacted] Huntington, West Virginia had informed him of an unusual airborne object near her residence on 1 November 1957.

b. On 2 December 1957, Mrs [redacted] housewife and employed [redacted] Company, as a Supervisor, Traffic Department [redacted] Huntington, West Virginia; 23 years old; high school graduate (Science Major), wa interviewed at her place of employment by S/A WILLIAM F. RICHARDSON.

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Hq, DO3, File 3DO 24-198, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at [redacted], Huntington, West Virginia, at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

[redacted] related that on 1 November 1957, she had first heard a crash, then a sound like a jet engine and then a "beeping" noise. She went outside her home and upon looking up towards her roof, she saw an object that appeared like two (2) hemispheres joined off center. She described the object as metallic in appearance and about the size of an automobile. She advised that the bottom half of the object appeared to be supplying the power and added that it appeared to revolve or vibrate. She added that there appeared to be a small red light (about the size of a parking light) at the axis of the lower hemisphere which was a steady light. She stated that about two (2) seconds after she had entered her rear yard and saw the object "on top of her house", the object started to ascend straight up and was out of sight in about one (1) minute. She described the object as circular from the bottom as it went upwards and added that she could not see the upper hemisphere since there was no light on this part. She stated that as the object started to move upward there was a downdraft of air which caused her housecoat to billow out and blew leaves and twigs around the yard.

[redacted] advised that she was getting ready for bed when she first heard the crashing sound which also awakened her daughter. She stated that a venetian bli in her attic had been discovered to have fallen and she believed this may have accounted for the crashing sound. She stated they have been blown down by the wind previously. She stated there was a lot of wind connected with the object, however, the weather was calm. She estimated that her first sighting of the object was about 15 degrees above the horizon line (her home is a story and a half bungalow, approximately 20 feet high at the peak). She stated she asked her neighbors if they had heard any unusual sounds and they related to her that they heard a commotion outside but did not investigate. She knew of no other witness to this occurence.

[redacted] advised she had only witnessed this object with unaided eyes. No examination was made of the roof nor was any other physical evidence available. She drew a rough diagram of the object which was refined and further detailed in her presence by S/A RICHARDSON. A detailed drawing is attached as an inclosure to this report.

Time of sighting was estimated as approximately 1730-1735. Light condition were described as night.

Location of Observer was determined as approximately 38° 25' - North, and 82° 45' - West.

[redacted] identified herself as stated above and claimed no military or other observer experience. She advised that the reason she had not previously reported this incident was for fear of ridicule. She requested that she be protected from all forms of notoriety as a result of reporting this incident.

WEATHER:

c. Source described the weather as Clear and Calm and she advised visibilit was good.

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Hq DO3, File 3DO 24-198, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object sighted at [redacted] Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia, at approximately 2230Z, 1 November 1957.

On 3 December 1957, LEROY STONE, Meteorologist-In-Charge, Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, Cabell County Court House, furnished the hourly reports taken at the Tri-State Airport on 1 November 1957. He advised no winds alofts are taken by the Weather Service in this area. The hourly reports for the period of the sighting and the prior and subsequent hourly reports are as follows:

2201 hours-1 November 1957 (2201Z-1 November 1957) - Clear - 4 miles visibility - Ground Fog and Smoke - 1016.3 millebars pressure - temperature 43, dewpoint 42 - Wind Calm - Altimeter Setting 30.00.

2102 hours-1 November 1957 (2102Z-1 November 1957) - Clear - 7 miles visibility - 1015.9 millebars pressure - temperature 45, dewpoint 43 - Wind Calm - Altimeter Setting 29.99.

2301 hours-1 November 1957 (2301Z-1 November 1957) - Clear - 4 miles visibility - Ground Fog and Smoke - 1016.3 millebars pressure - temperature 42, dewpoint 40 - Wind Calm - Altimeter Setting 30.00.

No cloud cover was indicated on the three (3) hourly reports noted.

STONE advised that no unusual weather phenomena or unusual activity or condition was noted that could account for the sighting.

1 Incl:
sketch of UFO

cc: Comdr, 783rd AC&W Sq.
Guthrie AF Station
Charleston, West Va.
(w/incl)(dup)
[redacted] OSI (w/incl)(trip)

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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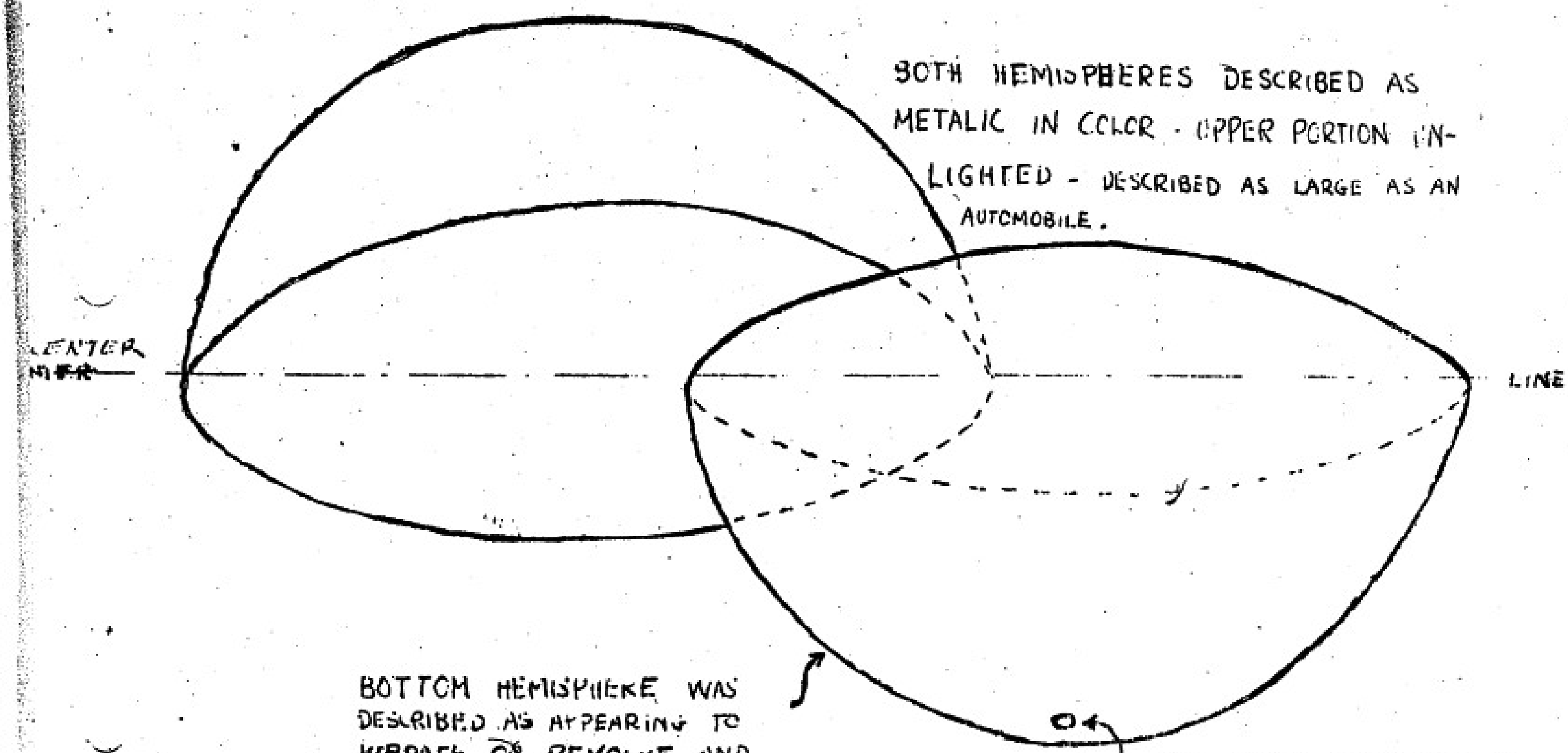

BOTH HEMISPHERES DESCRIBED AS METALIC IN COLOR - UPPER PORTION UN-LIGHTED - DESCRIBED AS LARGE AS AN AUTOMOBILE.

BOTTOM HEMISPHERE WAS DESCRIBED AS APPEARING TO VIBRATE OR REVOLVE AND APPEARED TO POWER OBJECT

RED LIGHT DESCRIBED AS SIMILAR TO A PARKING LIGHT

DIAGRAM OF OBJECT SIGHTED 11730 Z NOV 57 HUNTINGTON W.VA.
NOT TO SCALE - DIAGRAM DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE
THE INTERVIEW OF THE WITNESS

HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX [illegible]
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3 JUN 1958

300 INV 24-203

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted between 2330 and 2400 Hours
20 May 1958, ~~at~~ Trenton, N. J.

TO: District Commander
2d District OSI (IG) USAF
Box 173, Cooper Station
New York 3, New York

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 2, Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. At 1520 Hours, 3 June 1958, JAMES A. REEDER, Chief, 2d U.S. Army Industrial Security Office, 5100 Princeton Avenue, Philadelphia 35, Pa., advised that he had received a telephone call from [redacted] [redacted], Superintendent, Plant Protection Department, U.S. Steel, Fairless Works, Fairless Hills, Pa., a facility under the security cognizance of the U.S. Army.

3. According to REEDER, [redacted] stated that a former employee of U.S. Steel, [redacted], [redacted] Avenue, Trenton, N.J., Phone: [redacted], was in his office at that time and that he had with him what he considered a rather unusual photograph. [redacted], allegedly a photographic expert, is presently employed by Princeton University, and is working on the development of a telescopic lens for cameras. During the course of experimenting with these lenses on the night of 29 May 1958, between 2330 and 2400 hours, [redacted] made some exposures of the moon. Upon developing and printing the films, [redacted] noticed on one (1) of the prints, a small white spot above the moon that he could not identify. In the picture, the moon is approximately one and one-half inches (1½") in diameter, and the white spot is approximately the size of a pinhead. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had advised that, as a photographic expert, [redacted] was certain that there were no defects in the camera, film, or processing that could account for the spot.

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Hq DO#3, File 300 INV 24-203, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
Between 2330 and 2400 Hours, 20 May 1958, at Trenton, N.J.

4. Upon discovery of the spot, [redacted] gave a copy of the print in question to the Personnel Manager of Princeton University, name unknown. Subsequently, [redacted] became concerned as to whether he had done the right thing in not having turned the information and photograph over to a Government Agency, and accordingly reported the matter to [redacted] According to [redacted], [redacted] advised that he would be willing to furnish the negative, prints, and any technical data desired to any interested Government Agency.

5. In accordance with Paragraph 19, AFR 200-2, 2d District OSI (IG) [redacted] Avenue, USAF is requested to interview [redacted] of photographs and negatives made Trenton, New Jersey, and procure copies of photographs and negatives [redacted] It is further requested that instant photographs and negatives be appropriately furnished to the Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, along with any pertinent information Mr. [redacted] provides.

6. With the submission of this letter, no further action is contemplated by this District Office.

For and in the Absence Of
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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HEADQUARTERS
3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 709
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3DO 24-205 12 JUN 1958

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
by [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pa.
at 0816[redacted] 1958

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Reference is made to Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. In accordance with Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is furnished for your information and any action you may deem appropriate:

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape - Flat, triangular, with corners rounded.
(2) Size - Average size shirt button held at arms length.
(3) Color - Black
(4) Number - One (1)
(5) Formation - Not Applicable
(6) Discernible features or details - None
(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None
(8) Sound - None
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - None

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b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object - [redacted] related that he just happened to look to the horizon east of his home and saw instant object.
(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object when first sighted - Approximately 30° above the horizon.
(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - 45° above the horizon.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - When sighted, the object was approximately 30° above the horizon. The object reportedly climbed steadily in a straight course until it was approximately 90° above the horizon, at which point it hovered momentarily, then descended to approximately 45°. The ascent was made in approximately five (5) minutes and the descent in approximately three (3) minutes.
(5) How did the object disappear - The object moved in a straight course in a southerly direction for about three (3) minutes, then traveled west and upward until it went out of sight.
(6) How long was the object visible - Approximately fifteen (15) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual.
(2) No optical aids were used.

d. Time and date of Sighting:

(1) Between 081655Z and 081710Z June 1958.
(2) Day.

e. Location of Observer: Approximately 40° 16' North and 75° 07' West.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian - [redacted], Age 38
Address - [redacted] Court
Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania
Employed by the [redacted] as a Technical Illustrator.

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g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions - Mostly clear at the time of the sighting and visibility was good.

(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity -

On the surface	225°	at 18 knots
5,000'	230°	at 27 knots

No other readings were made at this time.

(3) Ceiling - 8,000'.

(4) Visibility - 12 miles.

(5) Cloud Cover - 9/10 of sky covered.

(6) There were no thunder storms or unusual activity or conditions that would account for the sighting. (Information furnished on 9 June 1958, by [redacted] [redacted] Meteorological Aide, who advised instant observations were made 081500Z, June 1958.)

3. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested.

For and in the Absence Of
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: ~~Dir OSI~~ (dup)
Comdr., McGuire AFB., N.J.

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3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
P.O. BOX 739
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

3 JUL 1958

3DO 24-213

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted [redacted] at Philadelphia,
Pa., at 020107Z July 1958

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Reference is made to Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

2. In accordance with Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is furnished for your information and any action you may deem appropriate:

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape - Similar to a point of light
(2) Size - Head of a pin held at arms length
(3) Color - Yellowish
(4) Number - One (1)
(5) Formation - Not Applicable
(6) Discernible features or details - Similar to a moving point of light
(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None
(8) Sound - None
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - None

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b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object - [redacted] stated he was looking into the sky in an attempt to predict the weather when he saw instant object.
(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object when first sighted - 45° elevation bearing 230-240 magnetic compass.
(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - Approximately 45° bearing 060 magnetic compass.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - Straight across the arch of the sky
(5) How did the object disappear - Disappeared with flashing lights going west to east.
(6) How long was the object visible - Approximately six (6) to eight (8) seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual
(2) No optical aids were used

d. Time and date of Sighting:

(1) Between 020059Z and 020107Z July 1958
(2) Night, full moon

e. Location of Observer: Approximately 40° latitude north and Approximately 75° 10 minutes west, longitude

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian [redacted]
DOB: 21 June 1921, at Hingham, Massachusetts
Address: [redacted] Narberth, Pa.
Employed by [redacted]t
Philadelphia, Pa., as Assistant Sales Manager

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions - No surface winds, visibility unlimited, no clouds, hazy near horizon.
(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity -

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On the surface	245° at WSW	at 10 knots
At 6,000'	270°	at 18 knots
At 10,000'	230°	at 15 knots
At 16,000'	280°	at 14 knots
At 20,000'	290°	at 23 knots
At 30,000'	290°	at 34 knots
At 37,000' "Top"	270°	at 25 knots

(3) Ceiling - Unlimited
(4) Visibility - 7 miles
(5) Cloud Cover - 3/10 of sky covered by cirrus above 20,000'
(6) No thunderstorms in area
(7) There were no other unusual activities or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. (Information furnished on 2 July 1958, by PIERCE S. ROSENBERG, U.S. Meteorological Office, who advised the observations were made at 020100Z July 1958.)

3. No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District Office unless otherwise requested.

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

B cc: Dir OSI (dupe)
Comdr, McGuire AFB, N.J.

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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

28 MAY 1959

3DO INV 24-0-178

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted near [redacted] Road, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2145 Hours, 12 May 1959, and 2130 Hours, 14 May 1959, by [redacted] [redacted] Road, Philadelphia, Penna.

24-185-3-26

TO: 2 District OSI (IG) USAF

1. On 14 May 1959, at 2200 Hours, EDT, [redacted] [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically reported to Special Agent JAMES A. THOMPSON, this District Office, that he had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at approximately 2145 Hours, 12 May 1959, and at 2130 Hours, 14 May 1959.

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2. [redacted] stated that he is 29 years of age, a high school graduate, a former Navy enlisted man, Manager of [redacted] (an electronics firm), [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and an amateur astronomer. During the interview, [redacted] seemed to be intelligent and responsible. [redacted] furnished the following information regarding his sighting of the UFO:

a. On 12 May 1959, he noticed light reflected by the clouds, and further observation revealed an orange colored object, spherical, and about the size of an egg held at arm's length. The object seemed to be a pulsating light that would glow very bright like an arc light for about four (4) minutes, would not be visible for about four (4) minutes, and then would glow again. According to [redacted], the UFO was intermittently visible until 2255 Hours, at which time it changed to a very brilliant white and disappeared. Interviewee stated he took photos of the object, using daylight type color film, but added that he is an amateur photographer. [redacted] stated he was having the film processed and would make it available to the USAF.

b. [redacted] described the UFO location as first appearing at an azimuth of 70° and moving slowly to the north until it went out of sight at about 20°. The elevation above the horizon was estimated as 30° to 40°.

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c. Interviewee stated that he saw an UFO again at 2130 Hours on 14 May 1959, and it was pulsating similar to the previous sighting. [redacted] stated his wife and neighbors, Mr. and M[redacted]r, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., also observed the UFO. [redacted] stated his wife viewed the object through 6 x 30 binoculars, but due to the brightness, she was unable to see the object clearly. [redacted] stated he started to set up a telescope, but the object disappeared before he completed setting up the scope.

d. [redacted] stated that the object was observed at 20° to 30° above the horizon at an azimuth of about 80° and slowly moved to about 40°, then disappeared as if "someone turned out the light". Interviewee stated that on each occasion, he saw no smoke, contrails or streamers; also, there was no noise. Interviewee stated that if the UFO appeared again, he would attempt to view it through his telescope.

e. At 2320 Hours, 14 May 1959, [redacted] again telephonically contacted Special Agent THOMPSON, and stated that he had observed an UFO through a 100-power telescope, using a thin, infra red filter, but was not able to distinguish details clearly because of the brightness. Interviewee stated the object appeared to be the shape of a saucer, with the bottom up, with a protrusion at the top. Interviewee stated the protrusion appeared much more brilliant than the remainder of the object. Interviewee stated the object was about 20° above the horizon, at an azimuth of approximately 80°, was flashing on and off about once every two to three seconds, and was moving up and down slowly about 5°. [redacted] estimated the object to be about 5 miles away and directly between his location and McGuire AFB, New Jersey. [redacted] stated the object was moving in a northerly direction and disappeared at 2330 hours.

3. It is to be noted that during the first conversation with [redacted] he reported that he had first observed the UFO on the night of 13 May 1959; however, during the latter conversation, he advised that the sighting was on 12 May 1959.

4. On 14 May 1959, Special Agent JOHN C. SHINER, 2 District OSI (IG) USAF Detachment, McGuire AFB, New Jersey, was telephonically advised of the information reported by [redacted] during his first call.

5. On 15 May 1959, Miss MARY McCORMICK, Meteorlogical Aide, U.S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia International Airport, telephonically provided the following information regarding weather conditions at Philadelphia on 12 and 14 May 1959:

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	12 May 1959	14 May 1959
Time:	2200 EDT	2200 EDT
Clouds:	9/10 Cloudy	7/10 Cloudy
Ceiling:	10,000 feet	9,000
Visibility:	8 Miles	15 Miles
Winds:	WSW 9 MPH	WNW 17 MPH

McCORMICK advised that there were no unusual phenomena reported that would account for the sighting of the UFO.

6. The above is furnished for your information and appropriate action.

WILLIAM R. CAMPBELL, JR.
Lt Col., USAF
District Commander

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HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

22 SEP 1959

3DO INV 24-0-186

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., at 2106 Hours, 14 September 1959 by [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

TO: 2 District OSI (IG) USAF

1. On 14 September 1959, at 2120 Hours, EDT, Mr. [redacted] [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., telephonically reported to S/A JAMES A. THOMPSON that he had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at approximately 2106 Hours, 14 September 1959.

2. [redacted] stated that he is the [redacted] Technical Division, U.S. Marine Corps, 1100 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. During the interview, [redacted] seemed intelligent and responsible. [redacted] furnished the following information regarding his sighting of the UFO:

a. At the aforementioned time and date, he noticed a yellow light, smaller than a dime held at arm length, make a circle almost around the moon. The light changed to blue-green and continued spiraling, passing between Interviewee and the moon. [redacted] stated the UFO was making a complete revolution in about 30 seconds, but he could not determine if it was climbing. According to [redacted], the UFO was moving in a circle about 50 feet in diameter and at treetop level; however, he could make no estimate of the object's altitude. Interviewee stated he saw no smoke, contrails or streamers from the object and heard no noise from it.

b. Interviewee stated he observed the object for 6 or 7 minutes, then decided to report it. According to [redacted] the UFO was at an azimuth of approximately 75° and was at an elevation of approximately 85° above the horizon.

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3. On 14 September 1959, S/A WALTER L. HOSTON, 2 District OSI (IG) USAF, McGuire AFB, [redacted], was telephonically advised of the information reported by [redacted]

4. On 15 September 1959, Mr. ALBERT A. DUBIN, Meteorologist, U.S. Weather Bureau, International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that at 2000 hours, EDT, Weather conditions were as follows:

Clouds:	None
Ceiling:	Unlimited
Visibility:	15 Miles
Winds:	Southeast at 5 MPH
Temperature:	63°

DUBIN advised that there were no unusual phenomena reported that would account for the sighting of the UFO.

5. The above is furnished for your information and appropriate action.

GEORGE G. SPENCE
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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[redacted] Street, Philadelphia 45,
Pennsylvania

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1. Attached for your information and retention is a letter dated 2 March 1960 which was received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Pasquarelli.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation advised [redacted] that his letter was referred to the Department of the Air Force.

3. No investigation is being conducted of [redacted] by this Headquarters.

for R T David, Major, USAF

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Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: 3DO 24-0-214

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at 2335 hours, 20 July 1961, above Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

1 AUG 1961

TO: Commander, McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey

THRU: 2 District OSI (IG) USAF

1. The following information concerning the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object is submitted in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2:

a. Mrs. "Elizabeth" [redacted] Avenue, Willow Grove, Pa., Telephone [redacted] reported to a representative of this District Office at about 2350 hours, 20 July 1961, that she and her husband, [redacted] had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object at about 2335 hours, 20 July 1961. Source advised that she and her husband were relaxing in the driveway of their home watching the sky, stars and airplanes which passed overhead from time to time. At approximately 2335 hours, 20 July 1961, Mr. [redacted] called his wife's attention to an object in the sky which was traveling much faster than the stars around it, but considerably slower than normal aircraft.

Source indicated that neither she nor her husband are qualified observers and could not accurately estimate the speed or altitude of instant object; that they gained the impression the object was a spheroid with greenish lights on both points of its verticle axis; that this sphere was revolving around its axis and as it was doing so a faint red light appeared to be rotating around it, and that if held at arms length, the two green lights would be apart about the diameter of a baseball. Source heard no sounds she could identify as coming from said object.

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Source stated that her husband first noticed this object as it soared across the sky at a position of about 11 o'clock; that he called it to her attention when it reached about 12:30 o'clock, and that they both watched it until it disappeared behind a copse of trees appearing about 2:30 o'clock above the horizon. The object following a general course from the direction of Philadelphia, Pa., passing over Willow Grove, Pa., and headed in the direction of the Johnsville Naval Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa. Source stated the object was under her observation from 2335 hours until it disappeared at 2350 hours. According to source, the sky was illuminated by a moon in the first quarter; there was an absence of clouds or overcast; the full array of stars were in view, and during the period of observation, source neither saw nor heard aircraft in the area. Eastern Daylight Savings Time Groups were used to describe this sighting.

b. Source went on to state that in the past, she and her husband have been able to spot and follow the course of other alien objects in the sky, and that during the summer of 1960, when the United States had placed a large weather balloon into orbit, and when the local news media had informed the people of when and approximately where this balloon could be sighted, she and her husband had spotted it each time. As a point for comparison, source indicated the object which she and her husband had seen as covered by this report was several times larger than the weather satalite, and traveled quite a bit slower than the balloon. She stated that if she recalled correctly, the directions of travel varied 180 degrees.

c. Source indicated that she and her husband may be contacted any time during the night or day at the above address in the event such contact is necessary.

2. The U.S. Weather Bureau Station, International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., disclosed that weather conditions for the vicinity at 2300 hours, 20 July 1961, were clear, visibility 7 miles, with surface winds from the WSW at 6 miles per hour, and at 2400 hours that date, were clear, visibility 7 miles and winds from the west at 6 miles per hour. A. D. DUBIN, Meteorological Technician, indicated there is no record of any unusual activity or condition observed within the area; that no sky and ceiling observations were made for altitudes over 3000 feet due to lack of air traffic, and that a complete rundown of all weather conditions for the Delaware Valley, Pa., area for the period in question could be obtained through the Weather Bureau Service, Chattanooga, Tenn.

George H. Davis, Major, USAF
GEORGE O. SPENCE
Lt Col, USAF
Commander

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NOTE: Due to a misunderstanding at Det #304, Philadelphia, Pa., the above information was not telephonically reported as required by Paragraph 904, OSIB 51. Action has been taken to comply with instant Bulletin in future instances.

1 January 1965

Memorandum Number 4

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

TO: Deputy Director

1. At 0301, on 1January 1965, Major Fowkes, Command Post, called on Gray Phone and advised he had a man on the line who was making some derogatory statements about the government and was also commenting on UFO's. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Fowkes said that the Duty Officer from HSBCOM was also listening to the conversation.

2. When I was patched into the line an individual was speaking and stating that if the AF would send their best man to see him he would give them some very interesting information about UFO's. He appeared to have been under the influence of intoxicants (he gave a few ~~xxxx~~ incoherent answers and kept referring to himself as a [redacted]). He commented that he had his son with him who was going to go to college and if the AF wouldn't tell his son there were UFO's his son would think he was a liar. Upon questioning by Major Fowkes he stated that in 1954 he had been standing in a church yard and had observed many starlight objects moving in a straight line; however, they were moving too fast to be jets. He said he had a very fascinating shot of a UFO.

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3. The man identified himself as [redacted] He said he was calling long distance from [redacted]ve., Pittston, Pa. He repeatedly requested that a man be sent up to Scranton, Pa. He stated he was a professional photographer. Pittston to see him. He said he would be in Pittston on Saturday and Monday.

4. Major Fowkes said [redacted] stated he was previously a SGT in the Air Force and prior to calling me [redacted] had made some very disparaging remarks toward the AF and the government. Major Fowkes advised that a tape had been made of the conversation and would be available at the Command Post.

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5. Major Richard Campany, Special Activities Branch, AFISII, was contacted and advised that OSI no longer were involved in UFO activities and advised me to call AFNIN.

6. Major W.M.Lyons, AFNIN Duty Officer was contacted and advised they were not interested but he would forward the information to the 1127th Field Activities Unit, AFNIN.

7. Advised incoming Duty Agent, Major Frank Bonsac, of the incident and requested that he inform Mr, Welch about 1000 hours.

8. Major Fowkes later advised that [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] + a man named [illegible] reside at the above address.

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Major, USAF

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
3D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
1612 S. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, Pa.
MAILING ADDRESS: POST OFFICE BOX 709

19 September 1956

3DO 24-166

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Confidential)
~~Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at~~
~~Philadelphia, Pa., at approximately 1100~~
~~hours EDT, 9 September 1956~~

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. **SYNOPSIS:** [redacted] interviewed on 11 September 1956 and stated that on 9 September 1956 he had sighted an unidentified flying object [redacted] in the while strolling with Mrs. [redacted] and Messrs. [redacted] Observers described vicinity of 15th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. object as bright light with fiery trail apparently falling toward earth. Re- port from U. S. Weather Bureau concerning weather on 9 September 1956 set forth.

2. **DETAILS:**

a. On 11 September 1956 a call was received by S/A HENRY C. CONLIN from Mr. [redacted] who stated that he believed he had sighted an un- identified flying object. [redacted] was interviewed by S/A JOHN G. HOFFMAN and stated that he had sighted this object at approximately 2315 hours 9 September 1956 while accompanied by Mrs. [redacted] and Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] On 11 September 1956 Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed by S/A HOFFMAN and S/A FRANCIS X. BERGMEISTER. [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed on 12 Sep- tember 1956 by the aforementioned agents. Information obtained and further identifying data concerning these observers are set forth below in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954.

(1) ~~Description of the object:~~

(a) ~~MANHOFF~~ described object as round or spherical; ~~PHILLIP~~

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[redacted]escribed object as elongated teardrop; [redacted] described object as eliptical; Mrs. [redacted] could determine no definite shape due to speed.

(b) All observers, except [redacted] described the size as between that of a quarter or half-dollar at arms length. [redacted]described size as about that of a grapefruit at arms length.

(c) All observers described color as brilliant white, very bright.

(d) Observers agreed that there were no discernible details or features.

(e) Observers agreed that object left fiery trail and appeared to be trailing particles as if they had broken off of the object.

(f) No sound was heard.

(g) [redacted] stated that the object was so luminous it gave off a halo-like effect. Other observers noticed no unusual features.

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) [redacted] observed object by chance and called attention to it.

(b) Observers were facing north and sighted object between 45 degrees and 60 degrees above eye level.

(c) Observers stated object appeared to be descending rapidly in a westernly direction at from a 30 degree to 45 degree angle.

(d) Object passed out of line of vision behind a tall building.

(e) Time in sight estimates went from one (1) to ten (10) seconds.

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground Visual

(b) No optical aids other than normal eyeglasses worn by Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted]

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(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) [redacted] 100415Z September 1956
100445Z September 1956
100400Z September 1956

(b) Night

(5) Location of observers:

(a) Observers agree that they were walking North on 15th Street near Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on the West side of 15th; however, [redacted] states they had just crossed Locust Street going North and had proceeded less than 100 yards. Mrs. [redacted] estimated the location as one-half block North of Locust. [redacted] cannot recall whether or not they had crossed Locust Street, and [redacted] stated that they were still South of Locust Street nearing the corner.

(6) Identifying information of all observers:

(a) [redacted] civilian, DOB; 16 Sep 22, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a Designer fo[redacted]ompany, [redacted] [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

(b) [redacted] civilian, DOB: 8 Aug 34, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., employed as an X-Ray Technician by [redacted] [redacted]et, Philadelphia, Pa.

(c) [redacted], civilian, DOB: 10 Nov 23, [redacted] [redacted]t, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a Commercial Artist by [redacted]s, [redacted] [redacted]Philadelphia, Pa.

(d) Mr. [redacted], civilian, DOB: 2 Dec 16, 541 [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, Pa., employed as a Clothing Fitter by [redacted] Company, [redacted] [redacted]reets, Philadelphia, Pa.

(7) Weather: All observers described weather conditions as clear, ceiling and visibility unlimited.

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(a) The following information concerning the weather on Sunday night, 9 September 1956, was supplied telephonically by Mr. R. J. SMITH, Meteorologist, at the U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., on 13 September 1956: At 2300 EDT, the sky was clear, ceiling unlimited, visibility 20 miles, no clouds, "no weather." At 2325 EDT surface winds were from NNE and 7 MPH. Winds aloft at 2215 EDT were:

from 20 degrees at 17 knots at 6,000'
" 350 degrees " 25 " " 10,000'
" 340 degrees " 42 " " 16,000'
" 320 degrees " 40 " " 20,000'
" 320 degrees " 55 " " 30,000'
" 270 degrees " 49 " " 50,000'
not available " 80,000'

There was no unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, known to the Weather Bureau.

b. [redacted] advised that he had contacted Fels Planetarium and the Philadelphia International Airport in an effort to clarify what he had sighted, but he was unsuccessful. No one had been on duty at the time at the Planetarium and the Airport had no information concerning the incident. Both [redacted] and [redacted] felt that the object was probably a falling star or meteorite observed closer than usual, thereby accounting for the size and brightness.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

David E Bales

DAVID E. BALES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc:
Dir, Sp Inves, HEDUSAF, Wash, D.C. (trip)
Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp(AD)NCCA, Wil., Del. (dupe)

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3DO 24-193

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT 15 NOV 1957

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa., at approximately 2300Z [redacted]
1 October 1957, by [redacted]

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

N/R

1. **SYNOPSIS:** [redacted] while at a farm a few miles from Rochester, Pa., observed an object travelling at a very slow rate of speed at an altitude of 3000 to 5000 feet. The object was elongated sphere in shape with a green stripe, a yellow stripe and a red stripe running the entire length of the object. Bright blue-white light or exhaust seen emitting from aft end of object. Object maintained level flight path at 2degrees, 23 minutes elevation from point of observation. No reports of unusual weather conditions on that date.

2. **DETAILS:**

AT ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

a. On 6 November 1957 [redacted] Owner, Age 66, Residence [redacted] Retired Carpenter, Age 74, Residence – [redacted], were interviewed by Special Agents ARTHUR PLUNKETT and WILLIAM B. JOLLEY at a farm owned by [redacted] and at which place the sighting was made.

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CAPTAIN, USAF
7 OCT 1965

Hq DO#3, File 3DO 24-193, SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at Rochester, Pa., at approximately 2300Z, 1 October 1957, by [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] described the object as an elongated sphere or cigar shaped, except the front end was blunt while the rear end had a pronounced taper. The size of the object was described as being approximately 200 to 300 feet in length (also described as the diameter of a three inch (3") apple held at arms length).

Both witnesses stated that the object had three (3) colored stripes running its entire length, the top color being green, the middle being yellow and the bottom stripe being red.

Interviewees stated they saw only one (1) object and that there were no discernible features or details such as wings or stabilizers. [redacted] and [redacted] estimated the distance of the object from them as being between eight (8) and ten (10) miles, and although they did not hear any sound, they stated they saw emitting from the aft end of the object what appeared to be a beam of light or an exhaust which was blue-white in color and travelling at a very slow rate of speed. They estimated the speed at five (5) to ten (10) miles per hour.

[redacted] and [redacted] stated that they saw the object on two (2) occasions, the first time the object was travelling from northwest to southeast and was visible to them for approximately fifteen (15) minutes, and approximately ten (10) minutes later they again saw the object at what appeared to be the same altitude, travelling from the southeast to the northwest, and was again visible for approximately fifteen (15) minutes. On both occasions, the object was lost from view due to hills which were in the line of vision of the observers.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that on both sightings the object travelled in a very level flight path, made no maneuvers of any kind and they estimated its altitude at 3000 to 5000 feet.

Method of the sighting of the object was ground-visual, and both [redacted] and [redacted] observed the object through binoculars owned by [redacted]

Examination of binoculars revealed the following information - Made in Japan by OFUNA Lens-coated, power 3 x 10°.

Time of sighting by [redacted] and [redacted] was approximately 1900 hours, Daylight Saving Time (2300 hours, Zulu Time), 1 October 1957, and they stated that dusk was just beginning, although the sun had not yet set.

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The occupants of the adjoining farm house as mentioned by [redacted] and [redacted] were identified as being Mrs. [redacted] Age 65, Housewife, R.D. 2, New Brighton, Pa., and Mrs. [redacted] Age 32, Housewife, R.D. 2, New Brighton, Pa.

Both of the aforementioned women were interviewed and recalled seeing an object, but they advised they did not pay any particular attention to it, and were unable to furnish any identifying information.

AT GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, CORAOPOLIS, PENNSYLVANIA

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No thunderstorms, no clouds, ceiling unlimited, visibility fifteen (15) miles plus. No unusual weather condition which might account for sighting.

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3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated in this District unless directed by competent authority.

Stanley O Nizapul, Lt Col
For and in the Absence of USAF
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
1. Sketch made by KARCHER of object

cc: Comdr, 54th Ftr Gp (AD),
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pa. (w/cy Incl 1) (dup)
Dir OSI (w/cy Incl 1) (trip)

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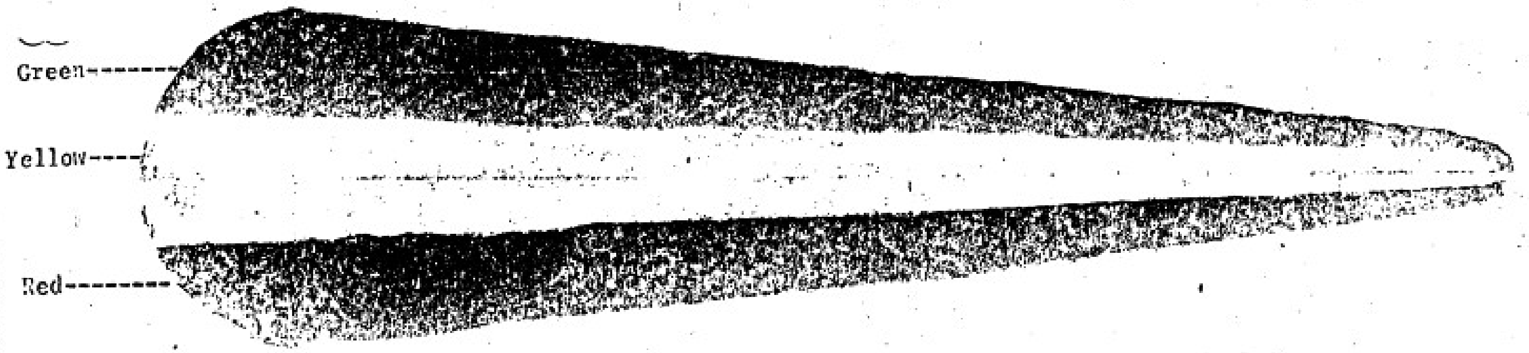
Sketch of Object seen by John Karcher and Lee Plunkett at 1700 hrs 1 Oct 1957.

Sketch made by Karcher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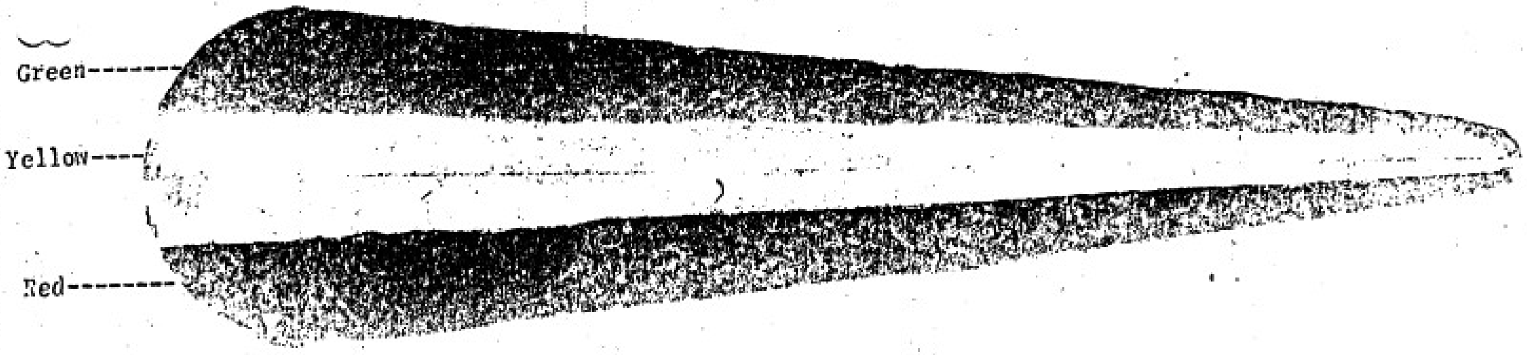
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted at
Rochester, Pa. at approximately 2300Z
1 October 1957

TO: Commanding General
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. **SYNOPSIS:** [redacted] and [redacted] while at a farm a few miles from Rochester, Pa. observed an object travelling at a very slow rate of speed at an altitude of 3000 to 5000 feet. Object was elongated sphere in shape with a green stripe, a yellow stripe and a red stripe running the entire length of the object. Bright blue white light or exhaust seen emitting from aft end of object. Object maintained level flight path at 2 degrees 23 minutes elevation from point of observation. No reports of unusual weather conditions on that date.

2. DETAILS:

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AT ROCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA (Cont'd)

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Incl:
1. Sketch made by [redacted] of object

DONN M. JONES
Special Agent, OSI
Detachment Commander

cc: Comdr, 54th Ftr Gp (AD), Gtr Pgh Aprt (dupe)
Dir OSI, Washington 25, D.C. (trip)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-111
DATE 31 Oct 1949
REPORT MADE BY CLAUDIUS E. BELK — gkb
REPORT MADE AT DO # 4 BOLLING AFB
PERIOD 1-2 OCTOBER 1949

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TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS
CAMP HOLABIRD, MARYLAND
30 SEPTEMBER 1949

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE This is an Initial Report.

Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report is prohibited and will be [illegible] violation of AFR 205-1 and AFR 205-6, paragraph 12.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated upon report of Captain WILLIAM C. HANLEY, 109th CIC Detachment, 1 October 1949, that two (2) unidentified aerial objects had been observed in the vicinity of Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland 30 September 1949. Investigation revealed observation of two (2) disc shaped objects for a period of approximately two minutes by three (3) individuals. Members of the CAA Patrol, Baltimore Municipal Airport, saw nothing of an unusual nature, this date, and persons working in the area, where objects were reported, failed to observe the incident.

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DETAILS

1. Investigation predicated upon telephonic report of Captain WILLIAM C. HASLEY, 109th CIC Detachment, 1 October 1949, that two unidentified aerial objects had been observed in the vicinity of Camp Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland 30 September 1949.

2. This investigation conducted by Special Agents ADELBERT C. VON MAUCHER, MARCEL D'HOOGE and the writer.

AT BALTIMORE MARYLAND

3. On 1 October 1949 Corporal GAINES FLOYD, RA 34544426, 2111 ASU, Camp Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland, was interviewed, and stated in substance:

While on duty as a Military Policeman on the Main Gate, Camp Holabird, between 1517 and 1519 hours, 30 September 1949, he observed two (2) unidentifiable aerial objects near the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant which is adjacent to Camp Holabird. These objects appeared to hover between the smoke stack and a large tree, a relatively short distance away. FLOYD described the objects as disc shape, much like an enlarged silver dollar, very shiny, but at such a distance as to prohibit actual observance of any specific color. A comparative measure as to the actual size of the objects was estimated as being approximately one half the diameter of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant's smoke stack. Approximate angle of elevation during the period of observation was estimated as about 15 degrees. The objects seemed to be proceeding in no apparent direction, but because of the uncertainity concerning the distance of the objects from the observer, it would be difficult to estimate any definite speed. FLOYD heard no sound that he could attribute to the objects and saw no flame or exhaust. The objects appeared to be without fins, canopies, or antenna. Weather conditions at the time of observation were evaluated as relatively clear; no clouds were present, although a slight ground haze is thought to have existed. Position of the sun at time of observation was estimated as being 15 degrees in azimuth south of the objects, and an undetermined angular distance above. It was impossible to establish the manner of disappearance of objects inasmuch as the objects left FLOYD'S field of vision during an interruption caused by persons passing through the gate.

4. On 1 October 1949 Corporal WILLIAM A. GARVEY, RA 31436905, 2111 ASU, Camp Holabird, was interviewed, and stated in substance:

At approximately 1530 hours, 30 September 1949, upon approaching the Main Gate, Camp Holabird, his attention was called to an unidentifiable object in the vicinity of the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant by Corporal FLOYD, a guard on duty at the Main Gate. The objects appeared disc-like in structure, the center of which was raised much as though a segment of a smaller sphere had been place upon the disc, giving it somewhat of an inverted type saucer appearance. Apparent size was established as

[redacted]

approximately that of the diameter of the nearby smoke stack; color was thought to have been silver. During period of observation, estimated to have been one minute, the objects were thought to have been moving away from the observer until they faded into the distance. GARVEY thought the objects had a thin stream of flame one-half its vertical magnitude, and one times its horizontal length, extending from its top. No projections of any sort were noted; no accompaning sounds were heard. Weather was evaluated as relatively clear with slight haze.

5. On 2 Oct 1949 the site of the Hamilton Helicopter Assembly Shop, BOAC Terminal, Baltimore Municipal Airport, was visited, but observance suggested the Hamilton Company no longer existed in that location. Subsequent inquiry in the area suggested this concern had moved to a downtown location several months ago; that the nearest helicopter concern, actively engaged in flying, was in Delaware. No knowledge of the Hamilton Helicopter having flown in this area recently was known.

6. On 3 October 1949 WOJG MERWIN L. WALSH, W-907042, Co A, CIC Center, Camp Holabird, Md, was interviewed and stated in substance:

Upon leaving the post in his car at about 1525 hours, 30 September 1949, when the MP on duty called his attention to two (2) objects hovering to the right of the smoke stack of the Chevrolet Assembly Plant, approximately one thousand (1,000) yards SW of the Main Gate Guard House on Holabird, Ave. WALSH described the objects as being about 36 inches in diameter, circular in shape, which appeared to be directed toward him at an angle of about 30 degrees from the horizontal; slightly convex and having concentric circles impressed upon the surface facing him. They appeared to be made of a vapor or gas of a silvery color, translucent and reflected light. The source of light (sun) was to the left (south) of the objects. The objects were not moving and there was no indication of smoke, flame, or locomotive power. They hung in a stationery manner during the two minutes period of WALSH's observation. The weather was clear with no noticeable haze or industrial smoke.

7. On 3 Oct 1949 the records of the Civil Aeronautic Authority Patrol, Municipal Airport, Baltimore, Md. were examined and the record of the airport traffic controller (tower-operator) for the period, 0800 to 1600 hours, 30 Sept 1949 read as follows: "....VFR weather entire period. Operations normal."

8. Investigation in the immediate area of this reported activity failed to reveal any apparent cause or source for this phenomenon.

INCLOSURES

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI

1. Photograph showing area of observation taken from point of observation. Arrow indicates position of objects (In Duplicate).

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FOR CG, AIR MATERIAL COMMAND

ATTN: MCIAXS

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All logical leads have been developed; therefore, this case is considered closed.

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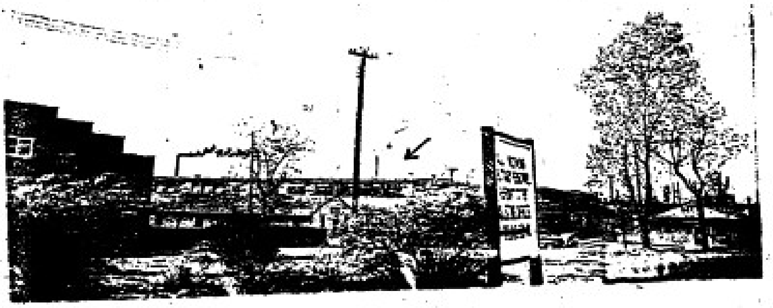

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CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT MODELS)

REFERENCE
Pending Rpt., S/A C. E. BELK, DO #4, dtd 31 August 1949, File #24-93.

SYNOPSIS

Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report is prohibited and will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1 and AFR 205-1 paragraph 11

Investigation in the area of Catonsville Junction, Maryland, failed to disclose location of carpenter shop reportedly used by[redacted]. National Agency Checks re[redacted] were negative. Examination of material in the files of the Civil[redacted]ity and personal files[redacted] failed to disclose any [redacted] not previously reported.

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DETAILS CALDWELL ET AL 24-93

1. Investigation conducted by S/A OTTO D. SUNDSTAD and writer.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

2. On 24 August 1949 investigation in the vicinity of Rolling Road and Edmondson Avenue, Catonsville Junction, Maryland, failed to disclose location of carpenter shop reportedly used [redacted]

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

3. On 16 September 1949 photostatic copy of material on file in Civil Aeronautics Authority and information in the personal file of [redacted] were examined and failed to disclose any relevant information not previously reported.

4. The following National Agency Checks, [redacted] were conducted with negative results:

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All logical leads have been developed; therefore, this case is being closed.

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Extract from the Staff Duty Officer Journal

5 June 1950
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Director of Intelligence

Air Adjutant General, Staff Message Division   Major Moquin/lfw/73079
AFCAG 30

The following information extracted from the Staff Duty Officer Journal for your information:

"REPORT OF STAFF DUTY OFFICER FOR PERIOD 1600 to 2400 HOURS, 2 June 1950

RECORD OF EVENTS WITH ANY ACTION TAKEN:

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At 2015 a M[redacted] called and stated that he and others were watching a triangular object at about 1000 feet over Alexandria in line with runway 21 at National Airport. Checked with Base Operations at both Bolling AFB and National Airport, they did not see anything unusual.

/s/ FRANCIS P. KILLEAVY
Captain   USAF
Staff Duty Officer"

Night Journal Extract
from Staff Duty officer
Unidentifiable object over Alexandria

W. V. MOQUIN
Major   USAF
Chief, Message Branch

cc: CSI

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[redacted] Flying Saucers and Space - Frequency, Theory of Seattle
SPECIAL INQUIRY

28 MAR 1951

Directorate of Research & Development, DCS/D

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Counter Intelligence Div, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

1. The Potomac River Naval Command has advised that the information concerning [redacted] was forwarded to the Bureau of Aeronautics, Operations 321K, Department of the Navy.

2. In light of the above, it is suggested that you may wish to make direct contact with Operations 321K in order to arrive at a satisfactory course of action regarding [redacted].

3. In the event that further action is desired of this Directorate, it is requested that such be indicated by Comment #4 hereto.

GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg Chief, Counter Intel Div
Dir. of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

JTN/CPJ/wm

24 February 1951

24-49

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers and Space Frequency
Theory of Seattle Physicist [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, DC

1. Reference is made to letter, your office, file 24-185-4-4, dated 17 January 1951, subject as above, and telephone conversation between Major DETWILER, your office, and Capt JONES, 4th District, OSI, on 15 February 1951.

2. Lt. Commander DANIELS, Potomac River Naval Command, advised that the information concerning [redacted] and his flying saucer and space frequency theory had been forwarded to the Bureau of Aeronautics, Operations 321K, Department of the Navy; and that similar information had been forwarded to FBI; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, U. S. Army; 13th Naval District, and the 4th District, OSI (which was in turn forwarded to your office).

3. Lt. Commander DANIELS suggested that inquiry concerning action taken by the Navy on this subject be obtained at Headquarters level.

J. T. Kirch, Maj USAF
for KIRBY M. GILLETTE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: ([redacted]) Flying Saucers and Space Frequency, Theory of Seattle Physicist [redacted] SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
4th OSI District (IG)
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 20, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, your District, file 24-49, subject as above, dated 28 October 1950.

2. Request that this Headquarters be advised of action taken and/or contemplated by the Potomac River Naval Command in this matter. In the event that no interest has been indicated by the Department of Navy, it is further requested that [redacted] patent claims be confirmed.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

LEROY H. BARNARD
Lt Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Actg Chief, Counter Intel Div
Dir. of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Radar Targets - Corner Reflectors
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Director of Special Investigations

Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary is letter, Office of Special Investigations, District Office #4, dated 12 December 1950, relative to providing of identification stamps on subject.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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dtd 12 Dec 50 (in dup)

ROY A. LANGE
Major, U. S. Air Force
Ass't Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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12 December 1950

SUBJECT: Radar Targets - Corner Reflectors.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. It has been determined that the Air Weather Service, USAF has, in connection with their studies of winds aloft, launched Corner Reflectors (Radar Targets). These targets do not bear any stamps, tags, or other data which would serve to identify it for what it is. Consequently, on a number of occasions, persons who have found these targets or have sighted them in flight, have reported them to military, OSI, Police, and FBI authorities as "flying saucers", or as some other type of unconventional aircraft.

2. The Air Weather Service does not desire the return of these targets once they have been launched and served their purpose inasmuch as they are of no intrinsic value.

3. Recently, one such target was sighted and recovered on a farm in Eastern Maryland. A report was received that a "flying saucer" or "disk" had been observed in flight and it had landed in this particular locality. Two (2) OSI Agents, FBI Agents and a Maryland State Trooper expended 1 1/2 days in locating the object and interviewing the individual who had sighted the object. This time and expense would undoubtedly have been unnecessary had the target born a simple stamp to the effect that it was a weather target and that if found it could be retained by the finder. The targets themselves are susceptible to such stamps or markings and it is urged that consideration be given to communicating directly with the Air Weather Service in connection with this suggestion.

KIRBY M. GILLETTE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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HQ, MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D.C.
15 JAN 1951

TO: Chief, Air Weather Service, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attention is invited to basic communication and inclosure.

2. Request your headquarters comment on the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of Inclosure #1.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KUTER:

Julius A. Kolb
JULIUS A. KOLB
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Inspector General

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HQ, AIR WEATHER SERVICE, Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commander, Military Air Transport Service, Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D. C.

1. All AWS units which use Corner Reflectors (Radar Targets) will be instructed to indicate on the target that it is a weather target and may be retained by the finder.

2. The Signal Corps will be requested to have similar information stamped on the radar targets by the manufacturer in the future.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE:

Kenneth M. Fulcher
KENNETH M. FULCHER
CAPTAIN, USAF
ASST. ADJ. GENERAL

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MATS 24-231

HQ, MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C. 26 JAN 1951

TO: Headquarters USAF, The Inspector General, ATTN: Director of Special Investigations, Washington 25, D. C.

Attention is invited to preceding indorsement.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Julius A Kolb
JULIUS A. KOLB
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Inspector General

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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI-IG
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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29 December 1950

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers and Sp[redacted]
Theory of Seattle[redacted]

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, file and Subject as above, dated 28 October 1950.

2. Inclosed for your information and whatever action deemed necessary are photostatic copies of two letters forwarded to this office by Headquarters, Potomac River Naval Command.

Maj, USAF
KIRBY M. GILLETTE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Transmit inclosures to DCS/O
Ask DO 4 inform of Navy action.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND

[illegible] 15 NOV 1950

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant, Potomac River Naval Command (Code [illegible])

Subj: Space-Frequency Theory of Seattle Physicist, [redacted] information concerning

Ref: (a) Chief, Buaer restr. ltr [illegible], Ser. [illegible] of 1[illegible] Sep 1949

Encl: (1) Photostat of ltr from [redacted]
Portland [illegible], Oregon, of [illegible] Nov 1950, to CO, NAS

1. Submitted herewith as Enclosure (1) is a photostatic copy of a letter written [redacted] received at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md., denoting interest in subject matter.

2. In compliance with paragraph 3 of reference (a), this letter is forwarded for information and such action as is appropriate.

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343[illegible] Harrison Street
Portland 22, Oregon
6 November 1950

The Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Maryland

SUBJECT: Space-Frequency. File reference AS-[illegible]

Sir:

Attention is invited to a connection between the Space-Frequency theory of Physicist Ross and the Cosmic Ray Weapon research reported to be carried forward [illegible] by Russia.

Before reported disappearance of a Cosmic Ray expert from England, presumably to Russia, with accompanying release of public knowledge of Russian interest in Cosmic Ray weapons to negate power of atomic bombs, I quoted in the first full paragraph of a letter dated 17 September 1950: "......For long the seeming lack of such stellar ghosts has puzzled me, but here is a neat way of accounting for the high-energy cosmic rays and the habit they have of coming from all directions. Note that the overlying layers of solar material would not deter escape of energy from the solar interior in this manner." The quotation was from a letter of 23 July 1950. [illegible] is no element of "hindsight" in the belief that knowledge of Cosmic Rays and knowledge of Space-Frequency may be [illegible] connected.

The physical connection between the two researches [illegible] that if Russia should gain the knowledge enabling her to be first with a Cosmic Ray weapon, she would be very likely to come into possession of the full [illegible] theory.

The United States appears to be [illegible] of the services of all researchers gifted with [illegible] the probable nature of space and [illegible] lost [illegible] power and which might [illegible]

[illegible] that a super Power [illegible] centure, take the lives of [illegible] and Thomas Ross [illegible] opportunity [illegible] others for taking [illegible] any research directed [illegible] Self-preservation [illegible]

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
PATUXENT RIVER, MARYLAND

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant, Potomac River Naval Command (Code [illegible])

Subj: Space-Frequency Theory of Seattle Physicist, [redacted]; information concerning

Ref: (a) Chief, Naval Opers. ltr [illegible], Ser. [illegible] of [illegible] Sep 1949

Encl: (1) Photostat of ltr from [redacted] Portland [illegible], Oregon, of 27 Oct [illegible]

1. [illegible] with its enclosure (1) is a photostatic copy of a letter [redacted] received at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, [illegible] expressing interest in subject matter.

2. In compliance with paragraph 3 of reference (a), this letter is forwarded for information and such action as is appropriate.

C. L. [illegible]

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October 25, 1960

The Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Maryland

SUBJECT: Space-Frequency. File reference AS-6: 11-[illegible]

Dear Sirs:

A new possibility for testing correctness of the Space-Frequency theory is contained in the recent discovery of a shell of high temperature in the sun's corona, much hotter than the solar surface itself. Astronomers, according to the Scientific American account of the discovery, are "at a loss" to account for these higher temperatures.

If certain quantitative data which my brother, Thomas [illegible], the Space-Frequency physicist, is attempting to obtain from Palomar, should be available, a revealing calculation may be possible. If the theory is correct, the mysterious high-temperature zone may be explained. Perhaps the Arlington Observatory physicists could also check the new discovery in light of the Space-Frequency outline in my letter of 17 Aug [illegible].

Correctness of the hypothesis would have very far-reaching implications for the national security. By suitable detectors, it might be possible to read the very code being carried by submarine-radio while location at same time perfectly transparent. Destruction of the submarines at will would probably be possible by creating powerful frequency motion sufficient to explode munitions or to force surfacing by loss of buoyance. There could be no sneak attack upon our shores, and our defense installations could probably destroy bombers by fixing their gasoline or by exploding their bombs on the airbases or on the carriers. Such possibilities seem fantastic, I am well-aware, and Thomas [illegible] himself would insist upon stringent proof before saying that Space-Frequency is correct. I have seen too many demonstrations of his unusual insight into the workings of the human brain, to write off as mere imagination his belief that space and matter may be concepts interpretations of frequencies as different from ultimate reality as the sensation of green is different from the frequency producing it. (As a student physicist, Thomas [illegible] attracted nation-wide attention to University of Washington experiments aiding the colorblind. Later, a Civil Service applicant sought his aid to pass a difficult test, only to be rejected for having employed "unartificial means.") To overlook the possibility, however remote, that such a physicist is correct concerning possible nature of space and matter is to gamble with the Nation's security. Therefore I am especially glad that the Navy has seen fit to launch at least a preliminary investigation, and can only hope that fruits of that investigation do not mature too slowly to avert our sustaining atomic attack.

Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of
Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Captain Baker/ag/73684
AFDRD

Directorate of Research & Development, DCS/D

1. Desire information as to action Navy contemplates taking with regard to subject. If Navy has already taken action, what are the results?

2. In the event that the Navy does not plan to investigate the case further, request your office confi[redacted] patent claims.

WILLIAM M. BLACK
Major, U. S. Air Force
Administrative Executive

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Comment no # 1 withdrawn with Comment no # 2 dtd 7 May 51 Div of Research & Dev. Per Maj Detweiler - JG

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UNITED STATES NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL—When [illegible]

SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS / SPACE-TRAVELERS; [illegible]
Seattle physicist, Thomas [illegible], Ronald [illegible]

REPORT MADE AT: Seattle, Washington DATE: 15 September [illegible]

REPORT MADE BY: [illegible] Hall, Lt., USNR & [illegible] Agent

PERIOD COVERED: 25 Aug.1950 to present

ORIGIN OF CASE: POTOMAC RIVER NAVAL COMMAND. PRNC ltr dtd. 25 Aug.1950, Ser.[illegible], same subject.

REFERENCES: NONE

ENCLOSURES: (A) [illegible]
[illegible]
(B) [illegible]

CHARACTER OF INVESTIGATION: [illegible]
(C) [illegible]
[illegible]

SERVICE FILE No.: [illegible]

SYNOPSIS:

THIS REPORT REVEALS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION.

This investigation predicated on a request from PRNC to secure information concerning writer of Enclosure (B) letter -Ronald [illegible] and his brother Thomas [illegible].

Investigation conducted in 13ND revealed information as set forth in Enclosure (A).

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SUBJECT: [illegible]
[illegible] Ross [illegible]

Files [illegible] Credit Bureau [illegible] Oregon [illegible] Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon [illegible]
Donald S. ROSS and Thomas E. ROSS.

A confidential informant advised that Donald ROSS had filed a [illegible] income tax return but none in 1949. This return indicated that Donald ROSS worked for a very short time for the U.S. Weather Bureau and also for the Post Office Department. Total income during the year was less than $1000. His address was listed as 3435 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. Officials at the Weather Bureau at Portland did not know ROSS. No record [illegible] the Post Office Department could be located.

Contact with [illegible]
College indicated [illegible]

In view of [illegible] of information developed [illegible]
at his home. [illegible]
developed through [illegible]
verified [illegible] articles and letters [illegible]
and others remain unverified but there seems [illegible]
sincerity of Donald ROSS.

Facts regarding Donald Ross, 3435 Harrison St., Milwaukie, [illegible]
1. Donald attended early school years in Moclips, Wash.
2. He is 42 years old and a 3rd generation American. Ancestry from
Scotland. Both parents still living in Moclips, Wash. A very poor
family due to fathers being somewhat of an invalid for many years
as a result of an unfortunate accident.
3. He has a speech impairment but not a serious one although it does
detract from his first impression.
4. Donald went to Central Washington School of Education but completed
College work at Reed College, Portland where he graduated in 1932 in
English Literature.
5. He is now employed at a small machine shop, Cranston Machinery Co.,
Oak Grove, Oregon, where he hopes to develop an electrical outlet on
which he holds the basic patents.
6. He is married to a woman who is food editor of the Oregonian (apparently
writes under name of Nancy Morris). His wife is the daughter of a
psychology professor at Oregon State College—name not determined.
7. He has worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Moclips, Wn., the CCC
at Vancouver Barracks as educational director and was in the weather
service of the U.S. Army (Sgt.) during World War II.

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SUBJECT: [illegible]
Seattle Physicist THOMAS ROSS; DONALD [illegible] ROSS

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8. He readily admits that he has never made [illegible] splash in the world but believes his prime purpose of being is to act as a spokesman for his brother Thomas who he believes has one of the great scientific brains of the country but no ability what-so-ever in dealing with people.

9. Donald is an inventor, of sorts, having developed an improved barometer now used by the U.S.Weather Service (no patent) and also a magnetized electric terminal (patented) which probably has many industrial applications.

10. In addition to Thomas, Donald has a younger brother, name not determined, and a sister Mrs. John Daugent, 6316 29th Ave. So., Seattle, Wn.

Facts regarding Thomas ROSS:

1. Thomas is [illegible] years old. He has [illegible]
2. He went to early schooling in [illegible]
3. His scientific ability was recognized early [illegible] to develop a mechanical brain and [illegible] U.S. patents.
4. [illegible]
5. His discovery [illegible] page article with picture, in the [illegible] Later article of Aug. 16, 1950 in the Aberdeen World [illegible]
6. He was recognized in print as early as 1933 when he had the lead article in the Scientific American of April 1933 entitled "Machines that Think".
7. An attack of polio when he was only 18 months old left Thomas crippled. This crippling of one leg has warped his attitude toward people to such an extent that he has complete disregard about what people think of him. Consequently he often dresses practically like a tramp even when appearing in a conference of high type officials. His brother Donald recognizes this attitude and for many years has acted more or less as an advocate for his brother in contacts with patent authorities, etc.
8. Thomas was employed by Boeing Co. in Seattle in charge of their spectrograph department. He left this position apparently because of inability to get along with Company personnel policy. His last employment has been with United Recovery Co., Seattle but he left because of financial position of Company which failed to pay him his salary.
9. Thomas now lives with or can be reached through his sister Mrs. John Daugent, 6316 29th Ave. So., Seattle, Wn.
10. He and his abilities are well known to Dr. Stevenson Smith, University of Washington; Dr. Lanczos, Boeing physicist; and a Dr. Stedman of Boeing. His work is also known to Dr. Clark Howell of Yale University.
11. Thomas ROSS' work now considered of prime interest is his "space frequency" theory. According to this theory any steel safe or wall or any distance can be penetrated. This theory, if correct, would permit the user to, in effect, be present at any conference in the world. It would outline energy carrying channels that would permit the direction of destruction to any place in the world, and many other things beyond the comprehension of the investigating officer. The theory as explained by Donald ROSS, in a rather logical development, would naturally

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SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS [illegible]
Seattle Physicist Thomas [illegible]

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11. [illegible] revolutionize war and peace in the world [illegible] this reason Donald [illegible] considers that his brother [illegible] be put in jeopardy if foreign nations should [illegible] this type information. He has accordingly [illegible] before generally although he has made continued effort to [illegible] proper government officials.

The interviewing officer could not help but be impressed [illegible] of Donald [illegible] and his endeavors to [illegible] information to the proper officials. [illegible] has a particular ability to put [illegible] expression of [illegible] standing. He has a [illegible] this same subject [illegible] with the U. S. Army [illegible] has been lost in the [illegible] he has now felt that [illegible] it the logical contact [illegible] Donald [illegible] connects [illegible] with his brother [illegible]

After talking with Donald it would be [illegible] future contact with [illegible] is apparently unimpeachable [illegible] desire to cooperate is apparently [illegible] brother is a genius and the possessor of one of the 10 greatest [illegible] world today.

CONFIDENTIAL [illegible]

SUBJECT: Thomas [illegible]

Files of the Registrar's Office, University of Washington reflects that SUBJECT attended there from 1 October 1934 to 15 June 1936 at which time he graduated. He subsequently took graduate work during the Winter and Spring quarters of 1937, and returned again during the Winter quarter of 1942. His major was Physics, and he holds a Bachelor of Science (Cum Laude) degree. His grade point average was very high by comparative standards.

Dr. Stevenson Smith, professor of Psychology at the University of Washington, was interviewed on the afternoon of 11 September 1950, at which time he stated that Thomas ROSS is an "eccentric" with a degree of ingenuity that is astonishing. He said that he had SUBJECT as an undergraduate student at the University in 1934 and through 1936 at which time he had given [illegible] employment as a shop machinist [illegible] stated that after SUBJECT graduated, he went [illegible] mathematics and engineering, exhibiting a great deal of [illegible] that SUBJECT helped in the invention of a [illegible] great many ideas; that he invented [illegible] an article [illegible] that SUBJECT has done many [illegible] the color blind, another device for [illegible] the device in the pattern before them by means of vibrations received when the device is pointed, in the manner of a flashlight, in the desired direction. He said that SUBJECT is presently working on something which he thinks is very good. It concerns a recording device which can record any physical act which [illegible] and at a later time cause a mechanical device to perform the act as a robot. He said that SUBJECT has successfully made a slight application of this principle to a spot welding machine. Dr. Smith continued that SUBJECT is still somewhat of an eccentric, but is definitely not psychotic, has a terrific imagination, knows his physics and mathematics, and is the sort of a person who should not be passed over lightly; that he might give the impression of being a "crank" to some people, but that he really has some terrific ideas far above just "gadgeteering". In conclusion, Dr. Smith stated that he would hope to see what SUBJECT has to offer carefully considered by any interested party because he is sure that it would be founded on basic principle and would be feasible. He said that he has never known SUBJECT to have a "screwball" idea, that in his opinion he has something worthwhile to offer, and that things that the ordinary person would not think of in years seem to come to SUBJECT instantaneously --that anyone would do well to investigate anything he has to offer. Dr. Smith stated that he believes that SUBJECT has done enough to justify the above opinion.

Files of the Boeing Aircraft Co. were checked concerning SUBJECT and the following facts were noted: SUBJECT's application for employment with Boeings reflects that he was born 3 October 1909 at Hoquiam, Wn., is 5'11" tall, and weighs 204 lbs., has black hair and blue eyes, father: Charles E. ROSS, born in Idaho, and mother: Cora Smith, born in Illinois. That he attended grade school at Moclips, Wn; high school at Hoquiam, Wn.; Junior College at Aberdeen, Wn.; and the University of Washington, at Seattle, Wn., his special course being psychology. His previous employment was listed as: U.S. Weather

SUBJECT: [illegible]

Bureau, Washington, [illegible] Dept. of the Washington State [illegible] born 10/8/09 at [illegible] registered #138, reflects that subject [illegible] Chas. L. ROSS; mother: Anna Carr[illegible]. Employment references listed by subject were: Andrew Alner, Postmaster, Moclips, Wn.; Dean of Men Lewis C. Tidball, Grays Harbor Junior College, Aberdeen, Wn.; and [illegible] University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Physical defects: slight lameness. SUBJECT signed the "Boeing Secrecy Agreement" on 5/5/41.

A letter of reference contained in the file at Boeing Co. is quoted below:

Boeing Aircraft [illegible]
Seattle, [illegible]

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of February [illegible] 1941, making inquiry [illegible] regard to Mr. Thomas Neil Ross, formerly employed by the Weather Bureau, [illegible] of this office indicate that Mr. Ross served as an Airway Observer at [illegible] per diem, when actually employed, from October [illegible] 1937 to [illegible] 31, [illegible] Moclips, Washington. His duties involved taking, coding, and transmitting [illegible] weather observations in connection with the Airway Weather Service. Mr. Ross stated that he resigned in order to seek more highly paid employment.

The official in charge at Seattle advises that his services were excellent.

Your stamped envelope is returned herewith as it is not required in the conduct of government correspondence.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. Carton Smith
Chief, Division of Personnel"

The following is SUBJECT's Boeing employment record: $120.

Hired	1/16/41	Inspector	$140.
Reclass.	7/1/41	Jr. Inspect.	$175.
"	10/1/41	Inspector	$220.
"	11/25/42	Sr. Inspect.	1.37.
"	10/7/43	Insp. Elec. Strand "B"	1.60.
"	10/4/44	Group Ldr Spectrograph and Elec. Strand	1.37.
"	10/3/45	Spectrographer "A"	[illegible]
"	6/28/46	Grp Ldr Spect. & Elec. Strand	310.
"	2/6/48	Research Lab Analyst "A"	
Resigned	12/21/48	To accept other employment	

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SEATTLE WASHINGTON

Physics

Bachelor of Science

Price Thomas Neil

Hoquiam, Wash.

Cum laude

ENCLOSURE 1.

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ENCLOSURE 1

Hoquiam, Wash

Physics

Bachelor of Science

Thomas

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

To: Commandant, Potomac River Naval [illegible] (Code [illegible])

Subj: [illegible]

Ref: (a) [illegible]
(b) [illegible]
Potomac [illegible]

[illegible]

RES[illegible]

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3636 Harrison Street
Portland 22, Oregon
September 17, 19[illegible]

[illegible] File reference AS-8 11-2[illegible].

[illegible] your station, per your letter of 17 August [illegible] call upon me by a very courteous and able [illegible] Intelligence.

[illegible] that the investigator was sufficiently impressed [illegible] that Thomas Rose is a practical scientist, to recom[illegible] [illegible]. He was inclined, I believe, to give weight [illegible] in view of the possibility of a dictatorship using [illegible] impose its will by all-pervasive spying and by being [illegible] ammunition anywhere, even one chance out of many that the [illegible] would be too important for safely being ignored. (In [illegible] personal opinion, I believe the chances are about 70% that [illegible] correct, and about 80% that effects could be utilized as [illegible] previously indicated.)

[illegible] the interview, when asked whether a submarine could be observed [illegible] deep submersion, I answered that if space-frequency is a correct theory, the water is nothing but a manifestation of energy and should not conceal a submarine. I also said that submarines so discovered could probably be destroyed by transmitting heating effects to their interiors.

Perhaps the Navy would find the following information useful in a preliminary physical checking into the Theory. Radar installations, and the Naval Observatory, as well as other scientific facilities, could give aid by matching observed facts against the space-frequency theory, of which my physicist-brother wrote to me in recapitulation:

> "In the space-frequency hypothesis, the [illegible] experience becomes the subjective equivalent of a [illegible] of frequencies, just as color is the equivalent of another [illegible] and a musical tone the equivalent of yet another. The concept is most difficult to convey, but space-frequency [illegible] conceived to be something added to space; the idea is rather that if the frequencies did not [illegible] physical or subjective [illegible] there just wouldn't be anything or any place.

> "Regarding [illegible] of checking the [illegible] would be no need [illegible] flying [illegible]. (I had [illegible] that there are [illegible] which [illegible] at approximately [illegible]. A [illegible] for instance, [illegible] numbers, the distance [illegible] being proportional [illegible] millimeters or [illegible]

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[illegible] ordinary mathematical physicist [illegible] deliberate experiment

[illegible] whether the radiating atoms [illegible] also produce ghost effects. [illegible] a virtual image shell com- [illegible] images of its internal radiating [illegible]. For long, the seeming [illegible] troubled me, but here is a case [illegible] of cosmic rays and the [illegible] all directions. Note that the [illegible] material could not deter escape of [illegible] in this manner.

[illegible] not conceived to alternate with [illegible] radiation, but to take place simul- [illegible] wave starts out at the same [illegible] point of origin, therefore [illegible] word in a slightly dif- [illegible] to reflection or diffraction. [illegible] virtual radiators called for [illegible], the effect might obtrude itself [illegible] operators. A spurious "pip" [illegible] time interval proportional to the pulse [illegible] could scarcely be overlooked."

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[illegible]....knows Dr. Einstein and proposed a similar idea. Einstein rejected it because it destroyed his cherished concept of the perfect equivalence of all points in space, but any interpretation I can put on the Einstein corollaries almost demands some such hypothesis. Space that is not absolute must have structure, and a frequency structure is the closest I can come to conceiving of something at once nonphysical [illegible] and operative.

My brother says that if he were in possession of technical information such as radar and other Officers now doubtless possess as classified material, he could "plock in quite a bit of solid explicit theory, make quantitative predictions, and probably handle the gravitational problem in a direct manner."

If the Navy feels that the space-frequency theory should be given full investigation, may I suggest that the scientific brain that was capable of evolving the theory is too close to the great Boeing aircraft factor, to be even comparatively safe in the event of atomic bombing? (I speak from the standpoint of national security.) For my small nephews, sister, and other brother, as well as for the hundreds of thousands of other Seattle residents, I can make no plea for removal for so [illegible] a cause. If the United States were first master of space-frequency, there would be safety from any bombing [illegible] part of my [illegible] for removal.

Respectfully,

Donald L. R[illegible]

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Radar Targets — Corner Reflectors
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Military Air Transport Service
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: Director of Special Investigations

Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary is letter, Office of Special Investigations, District Office #4, dated 12 December 1950, relative to providing of identification stamps on subject.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Objects S W. of Wash DC & Between

AREA REPORTED ON
Friendship Airport & Baltimore
Maryland - USA

FROM
Intelligence Division, Hq MATS,
Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT
19 February 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION
13 February 1952

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PREPARED BY (Officer)
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SOURCE
Two Officers, Hq Air Resupply and Communications Service.

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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The following report was made by Captain Ellis M. Woodward, and Major Clifford G. Moeller, pilot and co-pilot, respectively, of a MATS C-47 aircraft on a local flight from Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C.

a. Bright white object, with no sign of trailing streaks of light, beams, or glowing characteristics. At an estimated distance of 8 to 10 miles it appeared to be traveling at an altitude of 7500 to 8500 feet and seemed to be about 1/6 the size of the rising moon. The object was observed twice. On the first occasion it was traveling very slowly for a moment but accelerated very rapidly and disappeared to the southwest of Washington, D. C. within 2 minutes. On the second occasion the object approached Washington from the south and east, then made a left turn to the city. When within 2 to 3 miles ESE of Washington the object appeared to hold its position for approximately one minute and then disappeared from sight almost immediately.

b. The first sighting was made at approximately 2030 hours on 12 February 1952; the second was made at about 2100 hours that same evening. In each instance the object was observed for from 2 to 3 minutes.

c. The object was observed visually by the two pilots who were flying a MATS C-47 (#5936) aircraft at an altitude of 8000 feet.

d. The two observers were between Friendship Airfield and Baltimore, Maryland on the first occasion and on the second they were approximately 10 miles south of Baltimore. In the first instance the object appeared to be 8 to 10 miles distant; the second time it seemed to be 15 to 20 miles away.

e. Both observers are experienced pilots with the Air Resupply and Communications Service. In addition, Captain Woodward is an Intelligence Officer.

f. There has been no report of any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sightings.

g. No photographs were taken nor was any physical evidence obtained.

h. No interception or identification action was attempted.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object, Ritchie Highway, SO. Baltimore, Maryland, 29 March 1952

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CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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REFERENCE: Telephone message CI Division Hq. OSI, 9 May 1952

SYNOPSIS: Investigation requested by Hq. OSI predicated on information received from Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB that [redacted] and [redacted] had observed unconventional type aircraft on 29 March 1952 in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland. Information relayed to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB by [redacted] who received it from [redacted] a news commentator, employed by station [redacted] Baltimore, Md. [redacted] interviewed, furnished information that [redacted] Avenue and [redacted] St., Baltimore, Md., had been interviewed by him on 24 and 27 April 1952 and had reported sighting a disc-like aircraft at approximately 2045 hours, 29 March 1952 on Ritchie Highway near the intersection of US Route 301; that automobile engine stopped and paint cracked as aircraft hovered 200 feet above car. [redacted] interviewed and related substantially the same story which he had given [redacted] previously. [redacted] Engineer, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Md, interviewed, advised he had made complete examination of [redacted] vehicle at request of [redacted] including examination with geiger counter and determined no unusual defects. [redacted] interviewed, stated had no direct knowledge of incident and had merely relayed information furnished him by [redacted] advised that several residents, Gibson Island, Maryland had heard unusual noises but none had observed any such aircraft. [redacted] interviewed and confirmed statement given by [redacted] however, upon reinterview, admitted that he had not been with [redacted] at the time of the alleged sighting, and had not seen any such aircraft; advised that [redacted] had asked him to tell that story and that he had done so. Interviews conducted along Ritchie Highway in vicinity of location where aircraft

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was allegedly sighted indicated no knowledge of any such craft. Anne Arundel County Police Department had no record of reports of described aircraft. [redacted] in reinterview reaffirmed sighting and that [redacted] had been with him at the time and had seen the aircraft. File checks re [redacted] at local police agencies negative. FBI, Baltimore Field Office records reflect [redacted] fired from employment at Baltimore, Maryland, for placing a decal bearing Communist insignia on a truck belonging to the firm by whom he was employed. FBI check re [redacted] negative.

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated upon a request from Headquarters OSI on 9 May 1952 from Lt. Col. LUCIUS L. FREE, predicated upon information received from Lt. Col. RAY W. TAYLOR, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, to the effect that Col. TAYLOR had received information regarding an unidentified aircraft which was reported to have been seen at 2245 hours, 29 March 1952, on Ritchie Highway, south of Baltimore, Maryland. Air Technical Intelligence Center advised that the information had been received from [redacted] civilian.

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agents CLIFFORD P. JONES, OLIVER R. WEATHERHOLT, and the writer.

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

3. On 10 May 1952 Lt. Col. LUCIUS L. FREE, Headquarters OSI, was interviewed and furnished the writer with a copy of a TWX received from the Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB. Information contained in the TWX is summarized as follows:

The TWX represents a copy of a letter to the Commanding General, Project Blue Book, from [redacted] Gibson Island, Maryland, dated 24 April 1952. The letter stated that one [redacted] residing at [redacted] Baltimore 30, Maryland, had observed an unconventional type aircraft on 29 March 1952. Present with him at the time of this observation was one [redacted] believed to be a seventeen year old (17) high school student. The aircraft was allegedly observed while [redacted] and [redacted] were driving north on Ritchie Highway, approaching Baltimore, Maryland. It was described as shaped like a large pancake and was alleged to have hovered over the automobile, killing the engine. The letter also advised that [redacted] had been interviewed by a [redacted] a radio announcer of [redacted] Baltimore radio station. [redacted] was described as a reserve CIC officer. The letter also stated that a [redacted] and son, [redacted] alleged to reside on Yacht Club Road, Riviera Beach, Maryland, had also seen such an aircraft. A [redacted] and Judge [redacted] and wife, and a Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] were all said to have heard an aerial noise on 19 April 1952 at approximately 2300 hours. The Glenn Burnie Police were said to have had many similar incidents reported but laughed them off.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

4. On 10 May 1952 Mr. HUBERT KEITH, U. S. Weather Bureau, International Friendship Airport, Baltimore, Maryland, advised that the weather map for 2226 hours, 29 March 1952, indicated clear sky, WNW winds - eight (8) miles per hour; at 2256 hours, 29 March 1952, partly

cloudy, NNW winds - twelve (12) miles per hour; winds aloft at one thousand (1000) feet, NNW - sixteen (16) miles per hour.

5. On 10 May 1952 [redacted] interviewed at radio station [redacted] in Baltimore, Maryland, and stated in substance as follows:

Mr. [redacted] advised that he had received information in the latter part of April to the effect that [redacted], residing at [redacted]altimore, Maryland, had, while accompanied by Mr [redacted], observed a strange appearing aircraft on 29 March 1952. Mr. [redacted]ndicated that the source of his information had been a newspaper reporter for one of the local newspapers, whose name he did not divulge. [redacted]elated that he had for some time been interested in the "flying saucer situation", and that it had been his intention to write a documentary program for broadcast concerning that subject. He said further that inasmuch as the above incident was the first one to be brought to his attention within that area, he determined to investigate it.

On 24 April 1952 [redacted]interviewed [redacted] and ascertained that he was employed as a clerk by the [redacted] Railroad. He further ascertained that the date of observation was 29 March 1952; place, Ritchie Highway near the harness track; time, 10:45 PM; weather, clear; moon and stars out; approximate length of observation, two (2) minutes; estimated altitude, two hundred (200) feet. [redacted]btained the details of the incident and set them down in a chronological order. A photostatic reproduction of the information obtained in that interview is being forwarded as an inclosure to this report. [redacted] also interviewed [redacted]lative to the above incident and made a similar writing, a photostatic reproduction of which is being forwarded as an inclosure to this report.

[redacted]advised the writer that he was acquainted with the editor of a civilian intelligence bulletin, Mr [redacted], to whom he communicated the above information. Mr. [redacted]urther advised that he would not release any of the information publicly and did not intend to do so until such time as the authorities completed investigation of the incident. [redacted] related that when he had called the Anne Arundel County Police they had informed him that they had had numerous reports of that nature but had passed them off as harmless. [redacted] stated that he had had a friend of his, [redacted]onduct a scientific examination of [redacted] automobile for the purpose of determining any unusual characteristics which might have been present. [redacted]advised that he was not a reserve CIC officer; however, he related that he had been an intelligence officer with the staff of General [redacted] in Europe and that he presently holds an inactive reserve commission as lieutenant colonel, [redacted]

[redacted], during the course of the interview, made no mention of [redacted] or [redacted], and when specifically questioned with regards to the two above individuals, he said that he did not recall either.

6. On 10 May 1952 the records of the FBI Field Office, Baltimore, Maryland, were reviewed and reflected that [redacted] Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, was questioned for illegal wearing of the Navy uniform in July 1948. Records also reflect that [redacted] was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve and the investigation was discontinued as no violation. These records also reflect that [redacted] was fired from the Baltimore [redacted] Company, Baltimore, Maryland, for placing a decal of the hammer and sickle and red star on the door of a Baltimore [redacted] Company truck. This act was committed on 30 July 1948. The FBI Field Office records reflect no records of [redacted] and no derogatory information on [redacted] No information concerning reports of unconventional aircraft sighted during the past two (2) years were on record at the FBI Field Office.

7. Mr. [redacted] was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, on 10 May 1952, and with reference to the incident in instant case, he related in substance as follows:

[redacted] accompanied by his friend [redacted] were returning to Baltimore from Glenn Burnie, Maryland, via the Ritchie Highway, on 29 March 1952. They were in a 1949 [redacted], an English car, and were proceeding in a northerly direction, having just left a Howard Johnson Restaurant adjacent to the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Highway #301. While approximately opposite a harness track five hundred (500) yards north of the above named intersection, [redacted] related, he observed a strange looking aircraft appearing on the horizon ahead of his automobile. [redacted] described the aircraft as being a flat disk with a cupola or dome in the center of one side. He described the dome as having what appeared to be a small porthole on one side and the shadowy outline of what appeared to be a "hatch, similar to those found on a ship". He stated that this craft approached his vehicle from a northeasterly direction and hovered above his automobile.

He further described the object as being of a luminous silver color and emitting bright lights around the edges similar to neon tubing of high brilliance. He stated that at the time the incident occurred he had in the rear seat of his vehicle a Thompson sub-machine gun with which weapon he left the automobile and walked around the car several times debating as to whether or not he should fire upon the aircraft. He advised that his companion, [redacted] remained in the automobile and had pleaded with him not to discharge the weapon for fear of retaliation from the aircraft. [redacted] declined to comment as to the origin, present whereabouts, or owner of the above named weapon.

[redacted] stated that when the aircraft came to rest above his automobile, it appeared to be "at least fifty feet (50) in diameter, and wavered slightly." While in sight the aircraft gave off a sound similar to that of a vacuum cleaner. [redacted] averred that the aircraft maintained its position above the automobile for approximately three (3) minutes and then turned on its edge, thereby presenting its flat surface to his vision, and appeared to roll across the sky at a terrific rate of speed, greater than that of a jet plane. [redacted] estimated the horizon to the southwest of his vision, towards which the object was traveling, as approximately three and one-half (3½) miles from his position, and that the object as it disappeared across the horizon was approximately the dimension of a five (5) inch disk held at arm's length. He advised that when the object first appeared, it appeared to be at an angle to the horizon of fifty (50) degrees, and as he was proceeding north it appeared on the northeast horizon on the crest of a hill. He also advised that during the period the object was in his vision he noticed no sign of activity within it and discerned no odor from it.

[redacted] advised that during the time of the above observation of the aircraft there was only one other automobile in the immediate vicinity. He described this to be a 1948 Pontiac convertible, yellow, with 1952 Maryland license plates, the first three (3) digits of which we[redacted] He related that the car was apparently occupied by a man and a woman and that the man had dismounted his automobile and was looking at the aircraft, but that upon being hailed by [redacted] had returned to his automobile and driven off rapidly. It was Mr[redacted]s opinion that he did so upon seeing the aforementioned Thompson sub-machine gun. Mr. [redacted] informed the writer that he was not addicted to or a casual indulger of any form of alcoholic beverages and was not under such influence at the time of the sighting. He further advised that he wore glasses only for purposes of reading and that the only obstruction to his observation of the above described aircraft was the windshield of his automobile when first sighted; however, when he emerged from the automobile he was able to observe the aircraft without any trouble.

[redacted] contended that the above incident had a singular effect upon his automobile in that it killed the motor and apparently magnetized its wiring. He also stated that the above incident had resulted in the paint on his car cracking.

> AGENT'S NOTE: An inspection of [redacted] automobile revealed that it had been recently painted.

It was ascertained from [redacted] that his hobbies were the collection and handling of weapons, American History, and that his avocation was politics. He stated that he had been active in the political candidacy of a senatorial contestant of the State of Maryland and was currently leader of the political club supporting the above mentioned candidate in his ward. He advised that on the night of the above incident he had been engaged in distributing campaign literature with reference to the above campaigning in Glenn Burnie, Maryland, and was returning to Baltimore when he observed the aircraft. During the course of the above interview [redacted] appeared calm and answered all questions without hesitation and when subjected to requestioning, did not change his statements in any particular.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

8. M[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed on 10 May 1952, and stated that he has known [redacted] all his life and has found no fault with him. [redacted] advised th[redacted] comes from a good family and he would recommend him for a position of trust. [redacted] stated that he does not believe [redacted] has ever been in trouble with the police.

9[redacted]Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed on 10 May 1952 and stated that [redacted] "shoots a lot of bull", usually bragging about himself and his accomplishments. Outside of talking too much [redacted] believes that [redacted] is honest, makes a good impression, does not drink, a good worker, and loyal to the government. She would recommend S[redacted] for a position of trust, but stated that she did not believe he could keep a secret.

10[redacted]Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed on 10 May 1952 and stated that [redacted] talks too much and likes to exaggerate. Other than that, Mrs. [redacted] would recommend S[redacted] for a position of trust. She considers him honest, loyal, and a good boy.

11[redacted] Engineering Department, Radioactive Detection Division, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed at the Maryland Yacht Club on 10 May 1952, and advised that during the latter part of April 1952 he examined the automobile described in the above paragraph with a geiger counter and could detect no radioactive reaction. He also stated that he examined the engine and all working parts of the automobile and was unable to detect any unusual defects or characteristics. He stated that the automobile had been repainted and that he was inclined to disbelieve the incident as it was related to him.

AT FERNDALE, MARYLAND

12. On 10 May 1952 Officer J. L. GAVIN, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Ritchie Highway Sub-Station, advised that the only report relative to instant investigation that he was aware of as being received by the department was purported to have been an observation during the latter part of March by the bridge keeper, Curtis Bay Bridge, Curtis Bay, Maryland. Officer GAVIN volunteered that the proximity of that area to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds resulted in frequent noises of explosions

and that the police department had many calls of inquiry but that they all, with the above exception, were reports of noise and not of the sighting of any such aircraft. Officer GAVIN stated that in his opinion it was highly unlikely that an automobile could stop for a period of three (3) minutes on a Saturday night, as during the time of the alleged incident, without several other vehicles passing by. He gave as his reasons that Ritchie Highway was an arterial highway for several outlying districts of Baltimore as well as being a portion of the north-south route from Baltimore to the Potomac Bridge, and that traffic was usually frequent at all times, and especially so during that part of the evening on weekends.

AT GIBSON ISLAND, MARYLAND

13. [redacted] Retired, residing a[redacted] [redacted]ad, Gibson Island, Maryland, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 with reference to his knowledge of above alleged sighting of an unconventional aircraft. He stated in substance that his knowledge was third-hand and therefore he was not in a position to give detailed information. He advised that he was informed of the above incident by [redacted], in addition to the informat[redacted]orth above, had told him that [redacted] and his son [redacted] purported to reside on Yacht Club Road, Riviera Beach, Maryland, also had information with reference to instant incident.

[redacted] stated that the residents of Gibson Island frequently heard noises in the night, reported like that produced by a large formation of conventional aircraft. [redacted] described this noise as of a magnitude and intensity similar to a major bombing group of at [redacted] (100) planes. He advised that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], and [redacted]om he previously report[redacted] Judge and [redacted], Sr., and Mrs. [redacted] had all reported loud noises of the above type on the night of Saturday, 19 April 1952, and that he had included this information in his letter to General ACKERMAN only as miscellaneous data. He related that the noises occurred nightly but were particularly intense on Thursday nights.

[redacted] informed the writer that he had attempted to locate [redacted] but had been unable to contact them. He stated that there was no street designated Yacht Club Road at Riviera Beach, Maryland, and that the nearest approximation of that name was Club Road. He further stated that there was only one r[redacted] on Club Road and that residence was presently occupied by [redacted] whom he was unable to contact.

14. Attempts by the writer to interview individuals named in the preceding paragraph met with negative results.

AT GLENN BURNIE, MARYLAND

15. [redacted] Proprietor o[redacted] located at [redacted] approximately three hundred (300) yards north of the intersection of Ritchie Highway and U. S. Route #301, was interviewed on 11 May 1952, and advised that to the best of his recollection he had been on duty in the station on the night the above incident was said to have occurred, and that to his knowledge no such incident took place. [redacted] related that had the aircraft traveled in the direction as alleged, he would surely have observed it; or if he had not been on duty that night, he would surely have been informed of the incident by the man who had been on duty at the time. [redacted] informed the writer that it was highly unlikely in his opinion that any three (3) minute period could elapse without the passage of several automobiles at the time the above incident was alleged to have occurred.

16. [redacted]., employee of [redacted] located at the intersection of Ritchis Highway and U. S. Route #301, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and advised that he had no knowledge of the above incident.

AT CURTIS BAY, MARYLAND

17. [redacted] Curtis Bay Bridge, was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and advised that he is the regular drawbridge operator on the Curtis Bay Bridge on the 1600 hours to 2400 hours shift. [redacted] stated he was on duty the evening of the 29th of March 1952 and that he had not observed, nor ever observed, any unconventional aircraft. [redacted] further advised that he did not make a report to the Anne Arundale Police Department of such an incident.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

18. On 11 May 1952 [redacted] aged sixteen (16), [redacted], Baltimore, Maryland, was interviewed at 1030 hours and repeated the same story as he related to [redacted] One variance in the story was that the car engine did not stop until after [redacted] and [redacted] had gotten out.

19. [redacted], father of [redacted] was interviewed on 11 May 1952 and stated that [redacted] is "off the beam" and "not normal"; at times he is smart, but "too smart". [redacted] said his son is a little careless with the truth and he believes the story is made up. [redacted] stated [redacted] is a peculiar person, and he has known him for several years. [redacted] thinks [redacted] made it up to get his name in the papers. [redacted] also stated that Ritchie Highway is very crowded and more than one person would have seen it. Mr. [redacted] thinks that if his son had seen it he would have discussed it with him or some other member of the family, but he did not do so.

20. On 11 May 1952[redacted] uncle [redacted]ad, Baltimore 25, Maryland, was interviewed and stated that he does not believe his nephew's story. He stated that [redacted]n dream up fantastic stories at times. He believes it is a hoax and thinks his nephew was talked into telling the story.

21. At approximately 1215 hours, 11 May 1952, [redacted] was reinterviewed in the presence of his father and mother, at which time [redacted] stated that [redacted] had seen the "saucer" prior to the time of meeting him and that all the information which he had given was information that [redacted] told him. [redacted] advised that he did not see a thing and had reported the description of the aircraft as [redacted] had told him. He stated that [redacted] had told the sighting of the aircraft to him as they returned from Glenn Burnie, Maryland, to Baltimore, and asked him [redacted] to affirm the report because he feared that no one would believe his story. [redacted] advised that he called the newspapers, the Sun and the Post, to find out if anyone else had reported the incident, and was informed that several reports had been received. [redacted] further stated that at first he believed the story [redacted]ad told him; however, he now believes that [redacted]ade it all up. [redacted] averred that he had been in Glenn Burnie visiting friends and was waiting at a bus stop to return to Baltimore on the night of 29 March 1952, when he met [redacted] who had been in Glenn Burnie posting campaign posters; that [redacted] had offerred to give him a ride back to Baltimore and he had accepted; that it was on the trip back to Baltimore that [redacted] had related to him the sighting of the strange aircraft earlier in the evening.

[redacted]tated that they left Glenn Burnie at approximately 2230 hours and had driven to Baltimore without incident; that they had made no stops along the road; that he did not see any sub-machine gun in the automobile as reported by [redacted]

22. [redacted]was reinterviewed at approximately 1315 hours, 11 May 1952, and stated that [redacted] was with him and had witnessed the incident. STEWART denied emphatically any falsehood in the story and stated that the whole thing was the absolute truth.

[redacted]52 Special Agent OLIVER R. FEATHERHOLT interviewed [redacted] at [redacted], Light and Henrietta streets, Baltimore, Maryland. [redacted]stated that work was performed on [redacted] car on 8 May; that the work performed was adjustment of brakes, installation of clutch, adjust generator, repairing or taping the wires leading from the generator, change oil, and lubrication. He stated that the car needed only routine repairs and there was no indication of any unusual repairs.

Mr. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had traded at the garage regularly and that he considered him a "screwball". Review of the records at the garage reflected that the car had been serviced on 23 April, 8 December, 18 December 1951; and 31 January, 20 March, and 8 May 1952. The records reflected that the car had been brought in for routine check-ups and repairs. There was no indication in the records that the car had been repainted. Mr. [redacted] stated that the car was still the same green color; however, he could not state as to whether it had been recently repainted. He did state he knew the car had not been repainted at his garage.

24. On 12 May 1952 records checks at the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore County Police, and Maryland State Police reflected no records of [redacted]

INCLOSURES

FOR HEADQUARTERS OSI

1. Photostatic reproduction of information obtained fr[redacted] b[redacted] ith sketch).

2. Photostatic reproduction of information obtained fr[redacted] by [redacted]

CLOSED

[illegible] BY: [redacted] ADDRESS: [redacted]

[illegible] October 1[illegible]

[illegible] 8 and 9 [illegible]

[illegible] 29 [illegible]

TIME OF [illegible]: 10:45 P.M. [illegible]

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: TWO [illegible]

ESTIMATED [illegible]: 200 FEET [illegible]

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

[illegible] approximately 10:45 [illegible] [redacted]
the Harness [illegible]
of East [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
Upon investigation [illegible]
was proceeding [illegible]
to be moving very slowly (considerably [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] object was [illegible] least [illegible]
[illegible]

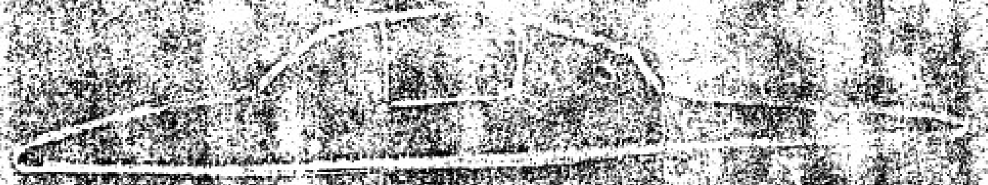
INTERVIEW [illegible]

When the object was over the highway the car [illegible]
suddenly and remained dead until it departed. A yellow Pontiac [illegible]
traveling south along the highway experienced the same [illegible]
in all cars were [illegible] frightened. [illegible]
Griebel Motors on Light St. They over-hauled the entire [illegible]
Mr. [redacted] n electrician, in a repair shop said somet[illegible]
wiring being magnetized. L[redacted] had previously been a [illegible]
mechanic during the war. [redacted] is not sufficiently familiar [illegible]
technical situation to recall his exact explanation.

A check with the Glenn Burnie Police of this day [illegible]
several times during this year the Headquarters at Glenn Burnie [illegible]
notified concerning a curious [illegible]
considered the source of such objects as being [illegible]
events the Police have not conducted a detailed investigation [illegible]
any such call to their headquarters.

General summary of an ap[illegible]

Several checks of the automobile apparently [illegible]
negative reaction.....safe to conclude that something [illegible]
sky. A thorough exam[illegible] dynamically
could have made up a story. His reported observations are [illegible]
possible and fell into a logical sequence. Impossible at the moment to
identify object or its origin.....SPECULATION. Possibly [illegible]



→ Light kept fading
Light sort of white phosphorcal
Color —
Bright around the outer rim

INTERVIEW # [illegible]

[redacted]

DATE: [illegible]

TELEPHONE [illegible]

EMPLOYMENT: [illegible]

DATE OF OBSERVATION [illegible] 1952 PLACE: [illegible]

TIME OF OBSERVATION - 10:45 [illegible]

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - [illegible] minute or so

ESTIMATED [illegible]

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

(THIS [illegible]
SOME [illegible]

At [illegible] highway toward Baltimore. In company with [illegible] slowly-moving object was observed just ahead of the auto [illegible] approximately 10:45 P.M. The [illegible] to a stop, the driver pulling slightly off the road. The object was approximately over the car and had no forward motion. It seemed to be [illegible] slightly and was giving off a yellowish-greenish light which faded and then grew intense and then faded in. The outer [illegible] object [illegible] to be round with a thickness toward the center, seemed to have [illegible] described as St. Elmos fire [illegible] he had observed [illegible] sure either whether [illegible] car in [illegible]

[illegible]

than at Southern [illegible]

intelligent [illegible]

[illegible]

conversation - some of [illegible]

agreed [illegible]

still some [illegible]

that was [illegible]

detect [illegible]

[illegible] it seemed [illegible]

it was however [illegible]

[illegible] time, but I'll avoid the [illegible]

the car seemed [illegible] all right [illegible]

the car engine started up [illegible]

[illegible] started [illegible]

the conversation [illegible]

[illegible]

4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI-IG
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE 25, D.C.

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SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Reported
Seen at Crownsville State Hospital
Crownsville, Maryland, 13 November 1957

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, file and Subject as above, dated 12 December 1957, to Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado, and to Second Indorsement, your Headquarters, dated 31 January 1958, to aforementioned letter, file AFCIN-4E4, UFO Case File, Crownsville, Maryland, 13 November 1957.

2. For your information, on 13 November 1957, this office received the specimen in question from the 109th Counter Intelligence Corps Group, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, and on the following day, it was turned over to the Technical Information and Intelligence Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters, Air Research and Development Command, then at Baltimore, Maryland. On 24 March 1958, Lt Colonel BORIS I. NORSKY, Headquarters, ARDC, Andrews Air Force Base, advised that on 18 November 1957 his office forwarded the specimen in question to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, ATTN: AFCIN-4X3. However, according to Colonel NORSKY, this specimen disappeared while enroute.

3. No further action is contemplated by this office in this matter.

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cc:—Dir OSI (USAF)
Comdr, 1001st ABGp, HEDCOM,
AAFB

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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CIRVIS AT APPROX 1910E TWO PILOTS ON LOCAL OUT OF BOLLING OBSERVED AN ODD LOOKING ACFT CIRCLING AND HOOVERING OVER ALEXANDRIA VIRGINIA BETWEEN 1000 AND 6000 FT THE ACFT HAD THE ABILITY TO GO STRAIGHT UP OR STRAIGHT DOWN OR IT COULD HOOVER IT WAS ODD SHAPED AND IT GLOWED MAKING IT VERY VISIBLE PILOT WHO SAW ACFT WAS CAPT HERSBERGER

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THIS MSG HAS ALSO BBEN PROTECTED TO SEC OF DEFENSE

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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ATTN: Mr. N. W. Philcox, Liaison Agent

RE: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted General Area Ritchie Highway, South Baltimore, Maryland, 10:45 PM, 29 Mar 52 by [redacted] Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

There is attached for your information a copy of a report by Special Agent Boyce Royal of this office dated May 12, 1952, in regard to the subject. Your attention is invited to the statement of Mr. [redacted] as reflected on page 4, paragraph 7, of the report, to the effect that, at the time of the alleged sighting of this object, he had in his possession a Thompson sub-machine gun. A copy of this attachment has also been furnished the Treasury Department.

No further inquiry into this matter is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations.

Sincerely,

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Rpt by SA Royal dtd 12 May 52

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
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Mr. W. C. Henritsy
Office of Chief Counsel
Alcohol Tax Unit
Bureau of Internal Revenue
Department of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted
General Area Ritchie Highway, South
Baltimore, Maryland, 10:45 PM 29 Mar
52 by [redacted]
Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

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Sincerely,

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
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Collection Division, ATTENTION: Colonel Cook
Directorate of Intelligence DCS/O

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Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation of 9 May 1952 between Colonel Cook of your Directorate, and Lt. Colonel Free of this office, in regard to the above subject.

2. Pursuant to your request there are attached herewith two (2) copies of a report by Special Agent Boyce Royal dated 12 May 1952 reflecting the results of the CSI inquiry in this matter.

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Rpt SA Royal 12 May 52 (in dup)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL CARROLL

SUBJECT: [redacted] - Security Information) Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted General Area Ritchie Highway, South Baltimore, Maryland, 10:45 PM 29 March 1952 by D[redacted] Baltimore, Maryland

1. I thought you might be interested in the results of an investigation we have just completed in regard to the above subject. At approximately 1600 hours 9 May 1952 we received a telephone call from the Directorate of Intelligence to the effect that one [redacted] of Baltimore, Maryland, had sighted an unidentified aerial object at 2245 hours 29 March 1952. According to the information received by AFOIN the object, when observed by S[redacted], was headed in the general direction of Annapolis and hovered for approximately two (2) minutes 200 feet above Mr. S[redacted] automobile causing the ignition of his automobile to be magnetized and stopping the engine. [redacted] claimed a 17 year old high school student was present in his automobile at the time of observation and would corroborate his statement. Stewart had relayed this information to a news commentator in Baltimore who later told the story to a retired Army Colonel, who in turn advised AFOIN. Intelligence requested that OSI afford the matter priority attention since Secretary Finletter had expressed a personal interest in the report. Accordingly, District Office 4 was instructed to conduct a personal interview of [redacted] and others who may have witnessed the alleged object, and to obtain sufficient background information concerning [redacted] to enable an evaluation of his credibility. Upon interview by OSI, [redacted] reiterated his previous report. However, our agents located and interviewed the 17 year old schoolboy who, although at first confirming the statements as given by [redacted], later admitted that he had not been with [redacted] at the time of the alleged sighting, had not seen any such aircraft, and had related his previous story at the request of [redacted]. The schoolboy, [redacted] had hitched a ride with [redacted] during the evening of the alleged incident.

2. Background information developed by DO 4 disclosed that [redacted] had been at one time under investigation for illegally wearing a Navy uniform, and had also been fired from his employment in Baltimore as a result of placing a decal of the hammer and sickle and red star on the door of a Baltimore truck. Stewart was described by associates as a braggart and a "screwball".

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3. Extensive inquiries in the area of the alleged sighting failed to establish that any other persons had observed the object. [redacted] upon reinterview, reaffirmed his previous statements. During one of the interviews [redacted] also remarked that, at the time of the sighting, he had a Thompson sub-machine gun in the rear seat of his automobile. He said that he at first intended to fire upon the object with this machine gun but was prevailed upon not to do so by his companion, [redacted] [redacted] during his interview, stated that he observed no machine gun in the automobile at the time he was present in same. We furnished the results of our inquiry to AFOIN 13 May 1952, and are transmitting a copy of the report to the Treasury Department and the FBI in view of the statement relative to the machine gun.

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVIT

SUBJECT: ~~(Restricted - Security Information)~~ Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted General Area Richie Highway, South Baltimore, Maryland, 10:45 P. M., 29 March 1952 by [redacted] Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland

1. At approximately 1600 hours, 9 May 1952, a telephone call was received from Lt. Colonel Ray W. Taylor, Deputy Commanding Officer, Air Technical Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, requesting that OSI undertake an inquiry in regard to the above subject. Colonel Taylor was on TDY, AFOIN, at the Pentagon at the time of the call.

2. Colonel Taylor advised that a report had just been received to the effect that [redacted] Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, had sighted an unidentified object at approximately 10:45 P. M., 29 March 1952, near Richie Highway in Baltimore. According to the report as related by Colonel Taylor, the object was observed proceeding in the general direction of Annapolis and that it hovered approximately two hundred (200) feet above [redacted] at the time of the sighting. Colonel Taylor said that according to [redacted] story, [redacted] automobile ignition was "magnetized" and the engine stopped at the time of the sighting.

3. The source of this report to OIN was one M[redacted]. Lt. Colonel Taylor said that [redacted] operates a Gibson Island, Maryland. civilian intelligence information service and that he has furnished information to Intelligence in the past. According to Taylor he has no reason to doubt his credibility as source. Colonel Taylor understood from the reports that he had received concerning this matter that one [redacted] employed by Radio [redacted] Baltimore, had obtained the full story of this alleged sighting from [redacted]. The information furnished by Mr. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] is a CIC Reserve Officer and would be willing to cooperate fully. Colonel Taylor said that there was another occupant of the automobile identified only by the name of [redacted] who is a seventeen year old [illegible] student.

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4. Colonel Taylor requested that OSI afford this matter priority attention since Secretary [illegible] Finletter had expressed a personal interest in the report and Colonel Taylor had been directed by Brigadier General Ackerman, AFOIN, to have a complete evaluation of the alleged sighting by Tuesday, 13 May 1952.

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5. I telephonically furnished the information to Lt. Colonel Collins at approximately 1645 hours, 9 May 1952, requesting that District Office

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No. 4 conduct a personal interview of Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] and others who might have been determined as having witnessed the alleged object. Colonel Collins was also requested to conduct a local agency check of Mr. [redacted] and obtain sufficient background information to enable an evaluation of [redacted] credibility.

6. Colonel Collins advised that a complete report reflecting DO A's inquiry would be hand carried to the undersigned by mid-afternoon 12 May 1952.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Sabotage and Espionage Br.

AF HQ-33 (20 May 44)

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SUBJECT: (Uncl) Request for Investigation

TO: Director of Special Investigation
Counter Intelligence Division
Bldg T-8
ATTN: Lt Colonel Free

DATE 13 MAY 1952

COMMENT NO. 1
Col Cook/mjl/56548
AFOIN-1

FROM: Deputy Director for collection
and Dissemination, D/I, DCS/O

Confirming the verbal request of Lt Colonel Taylor, ATIC, Wright Field, it is requested that you conduct an investigation covering the background, and credibility of Mr. [redacted] and circumstances surrounding his reporting having observed [redacted] saucer in Maryland.

Eugene G. Cook
EUGENE G. COOK
Colonel, USAF
Executive, Deputy Director for
Collection and Dissemination
Directorate of Intelligence

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TO LT RUPPELT

FR ROTHSTEIN ATIAA-2C

LETTER TO PROJECT BLUE BOOK FROM ULIUS LOUIS AMOSS FROM GIBSON ISLAND, MD. DATED 24 APRIL 52.

DEAR GENERAL

RE FLYING SAUCER

WITNESS: [redacted]

[redacted]

BALTIMORE 30

SCENE RITCHIE HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE HARNESS RACING TRACK NEAR GLEN BURNIE

29 March

DATE SATURDAY, 19 APRIL 52 APPROX 10:20 PM

WITNESS WITH COMPANION WAS DRIVING AN ENGLISH FORD TOWARD BALTIMORE. HE HEARD A ROARING SOUND OVERHEAD "LIKE A HUGE VACUUM CLEANER GONE WILD" LOOKING OUT, HE SAW OVERHEAD, A GREAT DISH "HIGH", SHAPED LIKE A LARGE PANCAKE." SUDDENLY IT TURNED ON EDGE AND WITH GREAT SPEED PLUMMETTED DOWN UNTIL IT REACHED ABOUT 200 FT ABOVE THE CAR. THE DISH, SEEN FROM

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ITS ENDS, HAD A LARGE BUBBLE WITH AN APERTURE LIKE A PORTHOLE. WITNESS WAS TOO FRIGHTENED TO OBSERVE ANY FACES. THE EDGES WERE PALE GREEN LUMINESCENCE AND A LUMINOUS AFTER TRAIL PULSATED. THE OBJECT HOVERED FOR ABOUT TWO MINUTES OVER THE AUTOMOBILE WHICH IN THE MEANTIME HAD BECOME IMMOBILIZED. SUDDENLY THE DISK TOOK OFF IN A RAPID FLIGHT TOWARD GIBSON ISLAND OR ANNAPOLIS. OPPOSITE, A YELLOW AUTOMOBILE, PROCEEDING TOWARD ANAPOLIS APPARENTLY WAS SIMILARLY IMMOBILIZED. WITNESS SHOUTED AT OCCUPANTS, A YOUNG MAN AND WOMAN WHO CLOSED THEIR WINDOWS AND APPEARED TO LOCK THE DOORS, BUT A MINUTE OR SO LATER, STARTED THEIR ENGINE AND TOOK OFF. WITNESS WAS INTERVIEWED BY [redacted] A RADIO STATION [redacted] ANNOUNCER [redacted] IS A RESERVE CIC OFFICER AND UP TO DATE IS KEEPING THE STORY. [redacted] FIRST PHONED A TECHNICAL FRIEND AT GLENN L MARTINS AND RECEIVED AN IMPRESSION THAT HE TOOK THE STORY SERIOUSLY, BUT DID NOT GIVE ANY LOGICAL EXPLANATION. [redacted] INTENDS TO GO OVER THE CAR'S ENGINE WITH A GIGER COUNTER BECAUSE THE CAR NOW

GIVES OFF A ROUGH RATTLE AND A GARAGE MECHANIC SAID THE METAL PARTS APPEAR TO BE MAGNETIZED.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT [redacted] BE QUESTIONED WITH [redacted] PRESENT BECAUSE [redacted] THOROUGHLY FRIGHTENED, APPEARS NOT TO WANT TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT WITH ANYONE EXCEPT [redacted] [redacted] CAN BE TRUSTED TO KEEP ANY INVESTIGATION SECRET. HE APPEARS MORE INTERESTED IN HIS CIC STATUS THAN IN HIS PROFESSION.

SIZE ABOUT LIKE A DC-3

WITNESSES [redacted]

appears to be
phony name
according [redacted]

YACHT CLUB ROAD
RIVIERA BEACH, MD

WITNESSES CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN A GREAT AIRBORNE DISK ABOUT 50 FT IN DIAMETER BETWEEN 10 & 11 PM SATURDAY APRIL 19 "OVER THE STONY CREEK BRIDGE". DISK HAD LUMINECENT EDGES AN GAVE OFF AN UNSTEADY LUMINOUS EXHAUST. DISK WAS SEEN ABOUT 200 FT IN AIR AND TOOK OFF WITH SPEED EXCEEDING JET PLANE TOWARD ANNAPOLIS.

COMMENT: I WILL TRY TO FIND THESE WITNESSES & QUESTION. REPORTED TO BE ANGRY BECAUSE NEIGHBORS LAUGH AT STORY.

INCIDENTAL REPORTS

ON GIBSON ISLAND, [redacted] (??SPELLING) AND WIFE [redacted] ISLAND SECRETARY) SOMEWHERE ABOUT 10 OR 11 PM ON SATURDAY 19 APRIL, HEARD WHAT THEY THOUGHT MUST HAVE BEEN A NEW TYPE JET PLANE OVER THE HOUSE "MAKING AN INFERNAL RACKET" UNLIKE ANY NOISE HE HAD HEARD BEFORE.

HOUSE SHOOK [redacted] RUSHED OUT OF DOORS; SAW NOTHING.
ND JUDGE AND MRS
MR [redacted], SR, ON SATURDAY NIGHT
(ON GIBSON ISLAND) HEARD AN "AERIAL NOISE"
AND THEIR HOSSE "SHOOK WILDLY".
THOUGHT I WAS ON GIBSON ISLAND AT TIMES MENTIONED, NEITHER
MAY WIFE NOR I RECALL ANY UNUSUAL NOISE.
HAD WE THEN HEARD IT AND FELT VIBRATIONS
WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DISMISSED IT AS
NOISES AND SHOCKS WE HAVE BEEN ATRRIBUTIVE
TO ABERDEEN. GLEN BURNICE POLICE SAY
THEY HAVE HAD MANY SIMILAR INCIDENTS REPORTED, BUT
LAUGH THEM OFF. A NEWS - POST TELEPHONE
REPORTER REFUSED TO BE INTERESTED IN STEWARTS
STORY; SAID HE HEARD "DOZEN SIMILAR
REPORTS ON SATURDAY EVENING AND DISMISSED THEM ALL AS
HALLUCINATIONS.
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FLYING SAUCER SIGHTED IN VIRGINIA??
Washington Post
17 June 52

Flash in Sky Poses Saucer Question in Va.

RICHMOND, June 16 (AP).—Weather Bureau officials, astronomers and science fiction fans were taking turns today wondering about the mysterious and shiny "thing" that flashed across the Southside Virginia horizon yesterday.

Was it a meteorite, or—here we go again—a flying saucer?

To some, it appeared round. To others, oblong. To some, it was big. To others, small.

Sheriff F. W. Simpson of Powhatan County described it as "very high and in the shape of a spinning top, with two lights in the big part."

Commonwealth's Attorney William Blandford said "it looked just like a parachute at first. It seemed silver, and looked like an oval."

Miss Margaret Satterwhite of Richmond, who was traveling in the Powhatan vicinity, said it was a "huge object, shaped like a glass ball."

Among the folks who might know, Weather Bureau officials said they hadn't seen the weird phenomenon and therefore couldn't offer any help. Astronomers at the University of Virginia observatory said the same.

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7 July 1952

SUBJECT: Alleged Sighting of Unconventional
~~Aircraft 27 May 1952~~
~~Baltimore, Maryland~~
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention are two (2) copies of the closed Report of Investigation by Special Agent O. R. WEATHERHOLT, 4th District OSI, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C., dated 30 June 1952, file No. 24-414, subject as above.

2. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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D. G. NORTH
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL [redacted]

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	[redacted]
DATE	30 JUN 1952
REPORT MADE BY	[redacted] OLIVER [redacted], S/A fsk
REPORT MADE AT	DO #4, Bolling AFB
PERIOD	29, 31 May; 1 June 1952
OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO #4, Bolling AFB
STATUS	CLOSED

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ALLEGED SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT 27 May 1952
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None; this is an initial report

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated on alleged sighting of unconventional aircraft on night of 27 May 1952 in Baltimore, Maryland. One person described object as two (2) bright lights hanging in mid air, then separating, and diving toward the ground. One person described object as two (2) bright lights traveling at a great rate of speed. On 27 May 1952, between 2150 and 2350 hours, two (2) L-19A Aircraft from 29th Infantry Division, Harbor Field, Baltimore, Maryland, were flying in area of sightings, official weather for night of sighting was: Clear.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated on information received from S/Sgt WILLIAM SEEDS, AF-22357624, 104th Fighter Squadron, Harbor Field, Charge of Quarters, who stated [redacted], Baltimore, Maryland, had informed him on 27 May 1952 he had "seen those flying saucers."

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

2. [redacted] Road, born 16 August 1922, at Baltimore, Maryland, Education - High School and Trade School, presently employed with Bendix Radio, Towson, Maryland, was interviewed on 29 May 1952, and stated that on 27 May 1952, between 2330 and 2345 hours, while sitting on his front porch with his wife, they observed what first was believed to be a falling star and immediately decided it was not a star, but a plane traveling at a great rate of speed. This object had two (2) white lights about 100 feet apart and was traveling in an easterly direction, altitude and distance away unknown. The two (2) lights appeared to hover above a "mail plane" (estimated speed 300 miles per hour) and then increased its speed to about five times that of the mail plane and disappeared toward Washington, D.C. There was no sound from the lights. He later decided that the two white lights could not have been a plane since the lights were very round and were not similar to landing lights on aircraft. The distance between the lights did not vary. He observed the lights for a maximum of 10 seconds and did not see any red or green lights with the white lights nore was there a body connected to the lights. The weather was very clear at the time of observation. [redacted] a fellow employee, had observed similar lights on the same hight, but in a different part of Baltimore and at an earlier hour.

3. Interview of [redacted], presently employed by Bendix Radio, Towson, Maryland, reflects that on 27 May 1952, between 2230 and 2240 hours, he and his wife and landlady, Miss [redacted] same address, observed two unusual lights. A statement was obtained from [redacted] as follows:

"Two large white lights appeared, low in the horizon, in a southeasterly direction. Our first impression was that it was a plane, in trouble, trying to land. The lights looked similiar to landing lights of airliners. At first they appeared to be heading directly for us and only several blocks away (if compared to the size of average airline lights.) There were no apparent running (red and green) lights. As I got out of the car, the lights separated, the one on my left dropped to the left and disappeared behind a house - the light on my right - veered upward and to the right and passed behind the second house. We observed it, as it emerged from behind the house and it moved rather slowly and at times seemed to float and 'bob' as though it were affected by air currents. Then it passed behind a third house, (moving south) and again appeared. It moved steadily southward for apparently several degrees then reversed and retraced its first sighting position, but after it passed behind the last house it was lost from sight. We watched for 15 minutes and never saw it again.

"The appearance was not comparable to anything I could explain. There seemed to be no form of a body, which should have been visible as a shilouette in the clear sky. The lights seemed to have no definite direction as to beaming. The light were as though a 1000 watt bulb might be hanging in mid-air several blocks away. As the light changed its direction (movement) the apperance still stayed the same - as though it were pointing toward us at all times.

[redacted]

DETAILS:

"There was no noticeable sound whatsoever. This seemed strange and because the night was quite still and sounds could be heard from the stadium, which is approximately 20 blocks away.

"We also watched several airliners in the following few minutes. All these planes could be heard and running lights blinked normally.

[redacted]

Witness: O.R. WEATHERHOLT

Original copy of above statement is on file in District Office #4 and will be released upon request by proper authority.

4. Interview of Miss [redacted] reflects identically the same information as related by BOSSERT.

5. Review of flight records at 29th Infantry Division, Headquarters Battery, 224th Field Artillery Battalion, Harbor Field, Baltimore, Maryland, reflects that two (2) L-19A Aircraft, Numbers 51-4543N and 51-12026N, piloted by Captain J. ELMER WEISHEIT, JR.,)-440473, and 1st Lt BENJAMIN R. CADWALADER,)-1185474, on 27 May 1952 from 2150 to 2350 hours and 2150 to 2250 hours, respectively, were flying in vicinity of sightings of unusual lights by MORRIS and BOSSERT.

6. Interview of WEISHEIT reflects that on 27 May 1952, at approximately 2230 to 2240 hours, he and CADWALADER were flying in area described by BOSSERT. CADWALADER was flying behind and to the right of him and at approximately 2500 feet, cruising speed 100 mph. He related that CADWALADER was flying a little close and to motion him away he went up and to the left and then dropped approximately 1000 feet. CADWALADER went down to the right. Neither plane had its landing lights on, but there is a rather large white navigation light located on the bottom and top of each aircraft which throws a steady light. His plane's red and green navigation lights were not working. His aircraft was an unpainted aluminum, CADWALADER's aircraft was Olive Drab.

After CADWALADER left his area of flying, he was simulating instrument flying over Baltimore for approximately one hour at 2500 feet at cruising speed of 100 mph. During this hour he believes that he flew over western and southwestern Baltimore, which is the area of the two (2) unusual lights sighted by MORRIS. He described the weather as very clear and dark, with no moon.

7. Official weather report as obtained from Friendship International Airport is as follows:

Weather report from 27 May 1952:

2225 Hours: Clear, visibility 15 miles, surface wind southwest 8.
2327 Hours: Clear, visibility 12 miles, surface wind southwest 8.

8. CADWALADER was not available for interview at this time. He is taking Bar Examinations and attending graduation exercises.

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(Confidential - Security Information) Unidentified Objects Sighted at Andrews AFB, 20 July 1952 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report prepared by District Office 4, Office of Special Investigations, Bolling Air Force Base, dated 23 July 1952, concerning the above captioned subject.

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LEROY H. BARNARD
Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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[illegible]TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI-IG
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-0-203 23 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Objects Sighted at Andrews AFB, 20 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

1. SYNOPSIS:

Three (3) unidentified objects were sighted by five (5) AAFB base personnel between 0005 and 0030 hours EST, 20 July 1952. The objects appeared reddish-orange in color and moved erratically in flight at an undetermined altitude. They traveled from a northerly to a southeasterly direction. They were sighted for periods of from five (5) to thirty (30) seconds on three (3) different occasions. Another sighting was made by the Approach Control which picked up one (1) unidentified target at 0415 hours EST. This target was in the scope for thirty (30) seconds before fading.

2. DETAILS:

Inquiry into the presence of unidentified objects over Andrews AFB was initiated after this office had received a telephone call from a Lt. WYATT (not otherwise identified) who stated that he had been Operations Officer at Andrews AFB during the period between 0001 and 0830 hours on 20 July 1952, and that during his tour of duty, he had been receiving calls reporting "flying saucers" in the area. The lieutenant stated that the objects had been picked up by radar.

After receiving this call, an inquiry was made at the Control Tower at Andrews AFB where the following information was obtained:

Three (3) unidentified objects were sighted by five (5) base personnel between 0005 and 0030 hours EST on 20 July 1952. The three (3) objects appeared reddish and orange and moved erratically from a northerly to a southeasterly direction at an undetermined altitude. They were sighted for periods of from five (5) to thirty (30)

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seconds on three (3) occasions by [redacted] Civilians, WILLIAM B. BRADY, A/1C, JOHN P. IZZO, T/Sgt. (all of whom are assigned to the control tower at AAFB), and Capt. HARRY W. REDDING, AC-818935, Airdrome Officer on duty at the time. At 0415 hours EST, the Approach Control picked up one (1) unidentified target which remained on the scope for thirty (30) seconds and then disappeared.

The following is a copy of the AACS Control Tower Log, 1909th AACS Squadron, dated 20 July 1952:

"0005 Phone call advsg that there was an object south of ADW. A/1C BRADY looked south and saw a orange object that appeared for just a moment then disapeared. The party on the phone saw the same thing. Wash Center also calling to advise they have five targets unidentified in the vicinity of ADW Range. TWR personnel used to observe from roof of the TWR.

"0120 While watching from the TWR roof Mr. DeBoves, T/Sgt IZZO and myself, Capt H. W. REDDING, observed what appeared to be two falling stars but they had an orange hue and a tail and were traveling at a fast pace.

"0125 T/Sgt and Mr. DeBoves also saw a third object that appeared like the first two objects (appeared like a falling star).

"0235 ADW A/O making a full report including the report by the party on the phone. Wash Center received a call from Capital Airlines plane that he saw three objects near HERNDON and reported that they were like nothing he had ever seen. He also reported three more between HRN and Martinsburg. Wash Center first saw these targets around 2340 and then about ten minutes later they moved toward ADW.

"0330 Wash Center advised the targets seemed to move more frequently when there were aircraft moving. As daylight was approaching they seemed to move less frequently.

"0530 Wash Center advised target north of ADW. Tower could not see it.

"TWX sent to Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
Air Technical Intell Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-26
Commanding General, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Command, USAF, Bolling AFB."

3. ACTION:

No investigation of this matter was conducted by this office inasmuch as no request for investigation was received. This matter was

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coordinated with Capt. BENJAMIN BERKOW, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, who stated that his office would handle the required investigation.

DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE [illegible]
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

28 JUL 1952

24-C-208

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects 2
Observed at Triton Beach,
Maryland, on 27 July 1952.
[redacted] Observer
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1973

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters Command
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

1. Special Agent L. E. WEBSTER of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation furnished this office the following information at 0210 hours on 28 July 1952. At the time the Special Agent furnished this information, he stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not investigating this matter inasmuch as it is not a matter over which that bureau has jurisdiction.

2. This office is not taking any action in the matter unless requested and is referring this information to Headquarters Command for appropriate action.

3. According to the FBI Agent, a Mr. [redacted] Avenue, SE, Washington, D. C., called the Federal Bureau of Investigation to state that he was at Triton Beach, Maryland, between 1500 hours and 1700 hours on 27 July 1952. During the period mentioned he saw two (2) objects in the sky flying from a westerly to an easterly direction. These objects came into his view on a straight course, made a turn, then returned to their original course and disappeared from view. One of the objects was so high in the sky that he could not describe it other than to say that it left a vapor trail. The other was low enough for him to say that it appeared circular in shape.

4. The above information is the only information which the Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was able to furnish this office concerning the above described incident.

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Ltr, DO #4 OSI, BAFB, Wash, DC, to CO, Hq Comd, BAFB, Wash, DC, ATTN: Dir of Intel, file 24-0-208, dtd , Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects Observed at Triton Beach, Maryland, on 27 July 1952 ROBERT CHASE, Observer, SPECIAL INQUIRY

5. Attention is invited to paragraph 16a, AFR 205-6, dated 1 September 1950, which prohibits disclosure of information to unauthorized persons.

Harold D. Collins
Lt Col USAF
for DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Hq OSI

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24-0-209

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Observed Over the Pentagon
on 27-28 July 1952
[redacted] Observer
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY ~~KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF~~
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters Command
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

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2. This office is not taking any action in the matter unless requested and is referring this information to Headquarters Command for appropriate action.

3. According to Special Agent WEBSTER [redacted] the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a Mrs. [redacted] home, Arlington, Virginia, reported that between 2000 hours on 27 July 1952 and 0200 hours on 28 July 1952 she observed a [illegible] light over the Pentagon. This light hovered immediately over the Pentagon, then made a direct descent towards it, stopped, and veered off. Mrs. [redacted] could not describe the object from which the light emanated and only described it as being a white light.

4. The above was the only information which the FBI Special Agent could furnish concerning this incident.

5. Attention is invited to paragraph 16a, AFR 205-6, dated 1 Sep[illegible], which prohibits disclosure of information to unauthorized persons.

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Harold W. Collins
Lt Col USAF
for DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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28 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted
in the Washington, D. C., Area, and
in the Area of Florence, S. C., on
26 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D.

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 5 DEC 1975

1. SYNOPSIS:

According to information received from Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, one (1) unidentified object was sighted by three (3) of the crew of an Eastern Airlines aircraft at 2204 hours on 26 July 1952 over Florence, South Carolina. Another visual sighting was made in the Washington area at 2015 hours on 26 July 1952 when the pilot and stewardess of a National Airlines aircraft sighted one (1) object. Three (3) sightings were made by radar in the Washington area on 26 July 1952. The first was made at Andrews Air Force Base at 2054 hours when ten (10) to twelve (12) objects appeared on the radar scope; the second radar sighting was made at Washington ARTC at 2057 hours when ten (10) to twelve (12) objects appeared on that radar scope; the third sighting was also made on the radar scope at Washington ARTC at 2223 hours when four (4) unidentified objects appeared. Two (2) fighter aircraft were sent aloft to intercept the objects; however, they were unable to find them.

2. DETAILS:

Captain BENJAMIN BERKOW, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, furnished the following information on the morning of 28 July 1952 concerning the above captioned Subject. According to Capt. BERKOW, three (3) of the crew of an Eastern Airlines Constellation, Flight [redacted], visually sighted one (1) object of an undetermined size over Florence, South Carolina, at 2204 hours EST on 26 July 1952. The only information available to Capt. BERKOW at the time was that the object appeared as a steady white light, travelling

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in a direct line at a high rate of speed at an estimated 22,000 feet. At the time the air speed of the observers was approximately 300 miles per hour. However, the altitude of the Eastern Airlines aircraft was not known.

Another incident reported was the visual sighting in the Washington area at 2015 hours EST on 26 July 1952 by a Captain [redacted] the pilot of a Lockheed Lodestar (Flight [redacted], operated by National Airlines, which was flying at 1700 feet at 200 miles per hour. The sighting was also made by the stewardess on the aircraft whose name was not known at the time of the interview with Capt. BERKOW. According to Capt. BERKOW, the National Airlines pilot and the stewardess observed the object flying directly over the airliner, and they described the object as appearing somewhat as the glow of a cigarette. They estimated the object to be flying at 100 miles per hour.

Three (3) sightings were made by radar. The first of these was made at 2054 hours EST on 26 July 1952 when ten (10) to twelve (12) unidentified objects appeared on the radar scope at Andrews AFB APCH. The objects were in the Washington area, according to radar computations. The second and third sightings made on the radar scope were both made at Washington ARTC. In one of these sightings, made at 2057 hours EST, ten (10) to twelve (12) objects appeared on the scope and, according to computations, were found to be in the Washington area. In the other sighting, made at 2223 hours EST, four (4) unidentified objects appeared on the radar scope and, according to computations, were located in the Beltsville, Maryland, and Herndon, Virginia, areas.

According to Capt. BERKOW, two (2) fighter type aircraft were sent aloft to intercept the objects sighted in the Washington area. However, the fighters were unable to locate and intercept the objects.

The above information was all that Capt. BERKOW had at the time of the interview.

3. ACTION:

No action is contemplated being taken in this matter by this office since it is a matter over which this office does not have jurisdiction. Two (2) copies of this Spot Intelligence Report are

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being designated for District Office No. 6 inasmuch as it contains information concerning a sighting of an unidentified flying object within the geographical area covered by that District Office.

Donald B. White
DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: DO #6

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24-0-212

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Observed on 26 July 1952 over Annapolis, Maryland.
Observer: Major C. P. Ca[illegible]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC [illegible]
BY KURT H. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
5 DEC 1975
DATE

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Director of Intelligence

1. This office received the following information from S/A DIMMICK of the 109th CIC Detachment at Baltimore, Maryland:

[redacted], Post Chaplain, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland reported that on 26 July 1952, at 2230 hours, he saw a flying object over the vicinity of Annapolis, Maryland. The object appeared to be flying at approximately 10,000 feet in a northwest direction at what the Major described as being the "speed of a jet aircraft." The object appeared to be a large ball of fire, made no noise and did not maneuver. It remained in sight for approximately six seconds and then vanished into the air. The light intensity of this object was that of a "shooting star" but the object was much larger.

2. No action was taken on this matter by District Office of the Office of Special Investigations. The above is being submitted for whatever action is deemed appropriate by your office.

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DOUGLAS B. [illegible]
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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cc: Headquarters, OSI

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
~~THE INSPECTOR~~ GENERAL
DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

29 July 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARROLL.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Radar Sightings of Aerial Phenomena, National Airport, Washington, D. C., 25 July 1952
~~SPECIAL INQUIRY~~

1. In light of recent wide publicity concerning the above subject, I caused a check to be made for the purpose of determining the basis of recent releases to news media.

2. We were advised by the current Intelligence Branch, Estimates Division, AFOIN, which has staff responsibility with respect to these reports, that much of the publicity of the past few days is the result of a radar sighting of unidentified aerial objects by the Civil Aeronautics Administration at National Airport at 2115 hours, 25 July 1952. These sightings continued from 2115 hours, 25 July until 0010 hours on 26 July, and were described by radar operators as "good sharp targets." They were observed in numbers from four to eight.

3. At 2320 hours, 25 July 1952, two (2) Air Force F-94s were dispatched from New Castle AFB, Delaware, for the purpose of intercepting objects which have been sighted by radar. One of the F-94s reportedly made visual contact with one of the objects and at first appeared to be gaining on it, but the object and the F-94 were observed on the radar scope and appeared to be traveling at the same approximate speed. However, when it attempted to overtake the object, the object disappeared both from the pursuant aircraft and the radar scope. The pilot of the F-94 remarked of the "incredible speed of the object."

4. The Director of Intelligence advises that no theory exists at the present time as to the origin of the objects and they are considered to be unexplained. Much of the publicity has been based on authorized news releases by the Air Force.

5. We were informed that any additional information pertinent to the matter would be furnished OSI.

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6. We are at present making no inquiry into the matter in the absence of a request from AFOIN under Air Force Letter No. 200-2.

Gilbert R. Levi
GILBERT R. LEVI
Chief, ~~Counter-Intelligence Div~~
Dir. of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
Reported in the Vicinity of
Andrews Air Force Base on
6 August 1952
FLYOBRPT

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS - On 6 August 1952, a civilian allegedly visually sighted two (2) unidentified objects at 2115 hours. Between 2220 hours and 2239 hours on 6 August 1952, four (4) sightings of unidentified flying objects were made on the radar scope at Andrews Air Force Base. Aircraft flying in the area at the time did not see the unidentified objects.

2. DETAILS - At 2320 hours on 6 August 1952, Lt. WELLS, OIC, Approach Control Tower, Andrews Air Force Base, reported to the Duty Agent of District Office #4 that an unidentified aerial object had been observed on the radar scope at Andrews Air Force Base. After this information was received, contact was maintained with the Approach Control Tower at Andrews Air Force Base and the following is a summary of the information obtained through the contact:

> Sighting #1 - At 2220 hours an unidentified flying object was observed on the radar scope. After computations were made, it was ascertained that the target was located two and one-half (2½) miles away at bearing 116, and that it was moving in a southernly direction at a very slow speed.
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> Sighting #2 - At 2223 hours another sighting was made. This time three (3) objects appeared. The first was computed at being four and one-half (4½) miles away at a bearing of 080. The second object was computed at being three (3) miles away at a bearing of 100. The third object was computed at being four and one-half (4½) miles away at a bearing of 113. At the time, Air Force Aircraft were flying in the area but the pilots of the aircraft were unable to see the objects.

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Sighting #3 - At 2232 hours one (1) object was observed on the radar scope at a distance computed at five (5) miles at a bearing of 93. This object faded from the scope at 2234 hours.

Sighting #4 - At 2239 hours, two (2) targets appeared on the radar scope at bearing of 053. According to the information received by this Office, it was not possible for the radar operators to compute the distance of the objects. At the time these targets were observed, a B-25, having #7562 was returning to Andrews Air Force Base. It was observed that as the B-25 approached the targets, the targets disappeared. The pilot, upon landing, reported that he did not see any unidentified flying objects.

According to Captain BENJAMIN BERKOW, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, a [redacted] reported that he saw two (2) bright objects flying in the sky at 2115 hours on the same date. These sightings were visual sightings made from M[redacted] [redacted] home at [redacted] Southeast, Washington, D. C. According to [redacted] the two (2) objects were flying toward Andrews Air Force Base, one in a straight course and the other circling the first. The objects were circular in shape, flying at a high altitude, and appeared to be about the size of a fifty cent piece. Mr. [redacted] stated that he has seen jets flying at a high rate of speed, but believed that these two (2) objects were flying faster than any jet he had ever seen.

3. ACTION - Through Captain BERKOW, it is known that Headquarters Command has all of the information contained in this report. No further action is contemplated in this matter by DO #4 inasmuch as it is a matter over which this Office does not have jurisdiction.

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF for
District Commander

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object
Observed Over Arlington, Va.
on 12 September 1952
FLYOBRPT

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS - At 2036 hours on 12 September 1952, a report was received by the Duty Agent of District Office Number 4 from Special Agent PHILIP WILSON of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who resides at 2017 N. Greenbrier Street, Arlington, Va., that [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] Street, Arlington had observed an unidentified aerial object flying over their homes at 2000 hours on the same date. To verify the citings, both [redacted] and [redacted] were telephonically contacted for complete details. At 2230 hours Lt JOHN K. WALES, Duty Officer, 1909 AACS, Andrews Air Force Base, reported to the OSI Duty Agent that he had received a telephone call from a Commander ELLINGTON who was the Duty Officer at Anacostia Air Station. In this call the Commander stated that eleven (11) persons had called him reporting flying objects. As a result of these calls, Navy Plane 51257 which was approaching the Air Station was ordered to remain aloft to look for any unusual objects. The pilot reported at 1920 hours that he did observe an object which appeared to be a falling star. All of the above facts were turned over to the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base.

2. DETAILS - At 2036 hours, on 12 September 1952, a report was received by the Duty Agent of District Office Number 4 from Special Agent PHILIP WILSON of the FBI who resides at 2017 N. Greenbrier Street, Arlington, Va. that [redacted] and a Mrs [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Street had observed an unidentified flying object over their homes at approximately 2000 hours.

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Immediately thereafter, Mr. [redacted] wife, [redacted] was telephonically contacted to verify the information previously supplied. In the call she stated that at 2000 hours she observed a ball of light which appeared to be the size of a softball (baseball type) travelling from SE to NW at a slow rate of speed. She said that the ball of light had a very short tail, flying at approximately 500 feet without any sound of propulsion. She said that the object was flying much slower than a conventional type of aircraft could fly and remain aloft. She said she observed the object for only a matter of four (4) or five (5) seconds when it disappeared behind some trees located ~~NW of her home~~. Immediately after observing the object she met [redacted] identified above who told her that she also had seen the object.

[redacted] was also contacted by telephone. She stated that the object which she had seen appeared to be a fiery ball appearing to be approximately the size of a golf ball against the sky. She did not believe that its tail was long enought to be that of a meteor. She described the color of the object as being of reddish-orange but could not describe the color of the tail, it was different from that of the object. She would not make any commitment as to its speed, height, or actual size.

At 2230 hours, 1st Lt JOHN K. WALES AO 928306, Duty Officer of the 1909th AACS Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base called the Duty Agent to report that he had received a call from a Commander ELLINGTON of the Anacostia Naval Air Station. In this call the Commander related that he had received calls from eleven (11) persons between the hours of 2000 and 2015 in which calls "flying saucers" were reported. As a result of these calls, Navy Plane 51257 which approached the Naval Station at 1900 hours was instructed to remain aloft and look for any unusual flying objects. At 1920 hours the pilot reported that he had observed an object which appeared to be a falling star.

3. ACTION - As the above reports were received they were relayed to Captain BENJAMIN BERKOW, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters

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Subject: Unidentified Aerial Object Observed Over Arlington, Va. on 12 September 1952

Command, Bolling Air Force Base for appropriate action. No action was taken by District Office Number 4 other than this for it was a matter over which the Office of Special Investigations does not have jurisdiction.

Donald B. White

DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy Director for Estimates, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

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Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

1. Inclosed herewith for your information is a letter dated 21 October 1952 [redacted] two (2) inclosures, which was referred to this office by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. [redacted]as notified of the referral.

2. Your attention is invited to Mr. [redacted] request concerning the return or acknowledgement of the receipt of the inclosed negative.

3. No further action is contemplated in regard to this matter.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Date: October 28, 1952

To: Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FLYING SAUCERS

There are attached for your information a copy of a self-explanatory letter dated October 21, 1952, and the enclosures thereto, received by this Bureau from Mr. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] has been advised that his letter has been referred to your Department. No further action is being taken in this matter by this Bureau.

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HOTEL POTOMAC

WASHINGTON, D. C.
18th & H. St. N.W.
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21-10-52

Dear Sirs:

On Sunday, 5 October, my wife and I were walking towards the Smithsonian Institute when this picture was taken. Neither of us noticed anything unusual at the time, and I think that if the "spot" on the negative and picture, would be a "thing" of reality, we would certainly have noticed it.

If we would never have heard anything about "things" and objects, we wouldn't send this to you, beyond a doubt. But, what looks like a spot, could be something different. Better safe than sorry.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Cincinnati 31, Ohio

P.S. If possible, and/or convenient, please return negative or picture or acknowledge receipt of same.

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Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy Director for Estimates, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

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Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

Transmitted herewith for your information is a letter from the 4th OSI District, Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C., setting forth the details of a report on an unidentified flying object over the Washington metropolitan area.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI-IG
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Observed at 0240 Hours on 15 November 1952 over Washington, D. C.
Observer: [redacted] 46-5880
4th District OSI
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DATE 5 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Command
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Capt BENJAMIN BERKOW
Director of Intelligence

1. The following information is being forwarded to your Headquarters for whatever action you may deem appropriate.

2. On Saturday, 15 November 1952 at 0240 hour [redacted] a Special Agent of 4th District, OSI, and a pilot with [redacted] hours including combat time, along with his wife, [redacted] observed an unidentified aerial object. The object passed over their house at [redacted], S.E. slightly to the East. The sound, which drew [redacted] to the window of his home, as close as he can relate it, was similar to a flight of jets, six (6) or more, at very low altitude. However, on observing the position of this unidentified object, its altitude was estimated at 4000 feet moving in a southerly direction. All that could be observed was a white or pale blue light moving at a speed in excess of any conventional aircraft ever observed by the [redacted] or his wife. There were no wing lights; and from the angle first observed, a green, right wing, light as well as a white light should have been seen. The total time of observation was some seven (7) or eight (8) seconds before this craft made a left turn, to the south, that seemed normal and made an abnormal ascent of about a 45-degree angle. Even after the object made its turn, the white light was still observed but went out slightly after the object started climbing.

3. The weather at the time of observation was clear at point of observation with an overcast moving in from the west.

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DO #4, 24-0-230, Subject: Unidentified Aerial Object [redacted] 0240 Hours on 15 Nov 52 over Washington, D.C., Ob[redacted] 4th District OSI, FLY 03 RT

4. No further action is being taken in this matter by this District Office.

Charles A. Sitter, Major
for DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Hq OSI

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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI-IG
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SUBJECT: FLYOBRT
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Objects on
26 February 1953, at Kingsville, Maryland, and
5 March 1953, at Baltimore, Maryland
ROBERT F. PLOTT, Capt., USMC
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding General
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. This office has received two (2) Summary of Information Reports from the Baltimore Regional Office, 109th CIC Detachment, Subject: Sighting of an Unusual Luminous Aerial Object, dated 12 March and 25 March 1953. These Summary of Information Reports are set forth verbatim as follows:

"SECURITY INFORMATION

12 March 1953

"Between 0739 and 0741 hours, 26 February 1953, Robert F. Plott, Captain, 0981014, Medical Service Corps, Chief of Radiological Hygiene Division, Army Environmental Health Laboratory, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, who was driving alone in his automobile in a westerly direction on U.S. Route 1, two to three miles west of Kingsville, Maryland, sighted an unusual luminous aerial object in the northeast sky. The object appeared to be self illuminated and about forty degrees above the horizon. Plott estimated the surface brightness and color temperature to be about the same as that of the sun which at that time was partly obscured by clouds in the southeast sky. A layer of medium dark gray stratus clouds, at an estimated altitude of 7,000 to 10,000 feet, were in the same part of the sky, but Plott was unable to determine whether the object was between him and the clouds, the midst of the clouds, or the far side of the clouds.

"At first sight the object appeared to be a motionless, sharply-defined ellipse with a vertical major axis. The minor axis appeared

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to be about two-thirds as long as the major axis. Plott estimated that at two and one-half feet from his eye the projected diameter of the object would be about one-eighth of an inch.

"After about fifteen seconds the brightness diminished somewhat and for an estimated five seconds the aerial object assumed the mushroom-shaped appearance of the caustic produced by the reflections of sunlight on the smooth interior of a wedding ring. Motion of the object first became apparent during this five-second period.

"Thereafter the major axis appeared to be horizontal and the object resumed its original brightness. It appeared to move at the same altitude in an easterly direction until, due to its movement away from the observer, it had reached a position thirty degrees above the horizon. Plott then lost sight of the object due to the progress of his automobile behind a hill. Upon reaching an unobstructed area further down the road, the object had disappeared and was not seen again. No smoke or vapor trails were observed.

"Captain Plott's qualifications as an observer are as follows: 20/20 vision corrected by eyeglasses. He has a bachelor of science degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology where he majored in physics. Among his studies at Carnegie Tech was a one year course on the phenomena of light. Plott has used light phenomena as a physicist in connection with experimental work off and on for a period of eight years. On numerous occasions Plott has observed reflections from aircraft and pyrotechnic flares of various kinds and observed no similarity in color, brilliance and shape between the luminous aerial object and anything he had observed before.

"At 1600 hours, 26 February 1953, an agent of this office returned with Plott to a spot one hundred yards west of the intersection of Forge Road and U. S. Route 1 where Plott first observed the object. A compass was sighted on the spot in the sky where Plott first observed the object and a reading of thirty degrees was obtained. A check at the Churchville Ordnance Corps tank proving ground - the only known activity in that direction that could have been using pyrotechnics - revealed that no pyrotechnics had been used in that area.

"AGENT'S NOTE: The 208th AAA Battery, Catonsville, Maryland, was checked regarding any activity in the area with negative results.

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Objects on 26 Feb 53, at Kingsville, Md, and 5 Mar 53, at Baltimore, Md - ROBERT F. PLOTT, Capt, USMC FLYOBRT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

"SECURITY INFORMATION

25 March 1953

"On 5 March 1953, Robert F. Plott, Captain, Medical Service Corps, 0981014, Chief, Radiological Hygiene Division, Army Environmental Health Laboratory, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, sighted an unusual aerial object in the southwest sky similar to the object he had seen in the northeast sky on 26 February 1953 (see SOI, Subject as above, dated 12 March 1953). Plott's written report of the incident is as follows:

"While driving to my duty station at the Army Chemical Center, Maryland, on Thursday, 5 March 1953, at about 1654 hours, I sighted an unusual aerial object in the southwest sky about 30 degrees above the horizon. The object was first sighted from the top of the hill on Harford Road, Baltimore, just west of the intersection of Taylor Avenue and Harford Road. From the first sighting, the object had a well-defined outline and had the appearance of a bright evening star. I was driving along in a stream of traffic and could not conveniently stop except for traffic lights and street cars taking on passengers. From the first sighting to the place where I stopped and parked in front of the telephone exchange on Harford Road, the object disappeared and reappeared from view twice while I was watching it. Each time it appeared in about the same position in the sky and presented the same bright well-defined appearance. At 1703 hours I parked in the shade in front of the telephone exchange on Harford Road and I watched this object both while in the car and while standing outside the car. The object then disappeared from view for the third time. By the time I had locked the car and had gotten back on the sidewalk, the object had reappeared in about the same position in the sky. I walked west on Harford Road in the shade toward the intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Harford Road. There, near the entrance to the drugstore on the northeast corner of that intersection, I stood and watched this brilliant well-defined light. While watching the object, I saw a 'whirling' effect of the light in the object. Suddenly, about 3/4 of the light disappeared from the object. The darkened part had the blue appearance of the sky, as if viewed by reflection from a highly polished mirror or by transmission through a transparent medium. The strong light in this phase came from a caustic effect between four and seven o'clock on the object, from a sector of light between eleven and twelve o'clock on the object, and from a very thin but equally intense light outlining the object. Suddenly, the bright sector separated or

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divided into two approximately equal sectors. The one part sweeping clockwise to the caustic at about six o'clock on the object, the other sector sweeping counter-clockwise toward the same six o'clock on the object. The clockwise sweeping sector of light reached the six o'clock position about three seconds before the counter-clockwise sweeping sector. At the instant that the two sweeping sectors had merged at about six o'clock on the object, there was a very intense 'spot' flash of light lasting for about one second. This 'spot' flash was about 100% more intense than the original light. I believe that it is important to note here that the sweeping sectors were distinctly visible because of their brightness even with the bright caustic as a background or cover. The sweeping sectors appeared to lose their individual identity at the instant they merged and the 'spot' flash occurred between five and six o'clock on the object. Immediately the object appeared to tilt over so that an 'edge' view was seen and motion of the object in a westerly direction was immediately apparent. The object moved from about thirty degrees above the horizon to about twenty degrees above the horizon at what appeared to be a fixed altitude. The time interval for this motion was about one-half minute. The brightest part of the object in the edge-view position seemed to be a 'polarcap' on the top of the object. The bright object dimmed somewhat in the distance. At about 1714 hours I could no longer see the object and I then went into the drugstore to make a purchase. When I got out to the street again at abour 1717 hours, I looked again to the southwest sky and watched until about 1730 hours but did not again observe the object.

"Interviews with three of Flott's superiors and fellow workers indicated that Flott is a highly respected scientist; all were inclined to believe that Flott's observations were truthful and accurate, even though it would seem unlikely that a person would make two observations of this type in one week which were apparently seen by no one else in the vicinity."

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 16a, AFR 205-6, dated 1 September 1950, which prohibits disclosure of information to unauthorized persons.

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~~FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER~~

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William F. Deegan

WILLIAM F. DEEGAN
Captain, USAF
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

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TO AF	FROM G2	DATE 22 December 1953 COMMENT NO. 1 Capt Owen/53715/mjl

Transmitted herewith for your information is a letter, Headquarters, Second Army, dated 10 December 1953, Subject as above.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

for W. A. PERRY
Colonel, GS
Chief, Security Division

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND

10 December 1953

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Security Division

1. On 7 December 1953, it was reported that Private First Class Alfred W. De Bonise, US 51153031, Headquarters Battery, 89th AAA Battalion, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland and Sergeant First Class James Conley, RA 12370618, Headquarters Battery, 89th AAA Battalion, sighted a strange object over Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

2. On 9 December 1953, De Bonise and Conley were interviewed regarding the strange object which was sighted by them at 2130 hours, 7 December 1953. It was revealed that they were standing in the area of Headquarters Battery, 89th AAA Battalion, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland when they saw the object in the sky. Attention was called to the object by a noise which resembled the sound of an artillery shell in flight. The sound was not like that of an airplane or a truck. There were no further sounds after the initial whirring noise.

3. The object was white and shining "like a star". It appeared to be large, very high, and shaped like a round ash tray. It moved with an erratic motion, eventually fading out of sight in a northeasterly direction. De Bonise and Conley observed the object for about twenty (20) minutes. The night was clear and windy. (F-6)

4. No other relevant data could be secured.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

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Lt Colonel GS
Dir, Counterintelligence Div

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RE: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Objects Observed Over Fort Belvoir, Virginia
on 16 December 1953
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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 5 DEC 1975

TO: Commander
Headquarters Command
Bolling Air Force Base

1. This office received the following letter dated 21 December 1953 from the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Washington 25, D. C.:

"1. Between 0530 and 0615, 16 December 53, five members of the 515th Engineer Pipeline Company, assigned to this headquarters, observed two unidentified illuminous airborne objects. Three of the witnesses, Cpl T. G. Nobles, Pvt M. S. Wittstock, Pvt K. V. Herrick, were interviewed by G2, TEC at 0930, 16 December 53.

"2. Narrative report of interview follows:

"Pvt Wittstock observed, at approximately 0530, a bright illuminous object without definite shape at an altitude of approximately 400'-600' in a WSW direction from the 515th Engineer Pipeline Company Operations Office on Stump Dump Road, Fort Belvoir. Wittstock brought this to the attention of Cpl Nobles, Pvt Herrick, Sgt Mathis and Pfc Meyers of his unit, all of whom witnessed this object. A second illuminous object became visible at approximately 0545, being smaller in apparent size, and apparently at greater distance from the observers. Witnesses were unable to estimate the distances to the objects.

"Both objects were bright, but not of such intensity to disturb the eyes - appeared as intense as star light. Both objects changed color at irregular intervals; colors observed were red, blue and green. The red color seemed to be most noticeable at the times the objects appeared to be moving closer to the observers.

"The objects were approximately 75 degrees apart; the first appearing to be over Davison Army Air Field, the second (which appeared

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about 0545) was to the right of the first object in a westerly direction. Both objects moved erratically, independent of one another; they appeared to move closer to and also away from the observers, as well as moving laterally. The movements were jerky and not of great distances.

"The first sighted object disappeared beyond the horizon at approximately 0600; the second was not visible after approximately 0615 as the dawn's light made the object imperceptible.

"3. The guard on duty between 0500-0600, 16 December 53 at Davison Army Air Field, Pvt H. A. Arters, Co B, 969th Engineer Construction Bn., was questioned to determine if he had observed any unusual airborne objects or unusual lights while on guard. He had not. Aviation Branch at Davison Field was contacted to determine if they could explain any unidentified airborne objects in their area between 0530-0615, 16 Dec 53; they could not.

"4. The above report is being forwarded for your information. Should further interest be expressed by higher headquarters, this office is prepared to render any assistance possible.

S. R. KELLEY
Colonel
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2. The above is being submitted for whatever action you may deem appropriate. No further action in this matter will be taken by 4th OSI District unless a request from competent authority for action is received.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

William P. Deegan
WILLIAM P. DEEGAN
Special Agent OSI, USAF
Counter Intelligence Division

-cc: Dir OSI

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Flying Saucer Sightings Fall as 'Season' Nears

WASHINGTON, June 1 (UP)—Air Force officials said today that reports of "flying saucers" had fallen off sharply since 1952. They said they believed more scientific investigating and better public education were responsible.

So far this year only eighty-seven "sighting" have been reported. However, the "flying saucer season"—which coincides with the July-August meteor showers—is just coming in.

The Air Force received 1,700 reports of sightings in 1952. Last year there were 429.

The Air Force still is unable to explain about 10 per cent of the sightings. Officials said that if anyone saw any unidentified flying objects they "would welcome the information."

The place to notify is the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The presence of a fast-moving, unidentifiable object in the sky near Boston, visible for ten minutes, was reported yesterday.

When Capt. Charles J. Kratovil, a Trans World Airlines pilot, arrived at New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, after a flight from Paris, he said he had seen a "large, white disk-like" thing in the air at about 9:30 A. M. The object was also seen by members of his crew.

Captain Kratovil said the object was traveling parallel to his plane and high above it and was going against a sixty-mile-an-hour wind.

Captain Kratovil said the object was "large," but Harold Rainey, flight engineer, said he thought it was about the size of a basketball.

New York Times
2 June 54

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Are you people still interested in "flying saucers"?
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-0-359

2 4 FEB 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object Observed in Vicinity
of Bethesda, Maryland on 10 February 1955
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TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL Investigations
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
5 DEC 1975
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1. Reference is made to telephonic conversation between Lt. Colonel EUGENE MORITZ, Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch, Counter Intelligence Division, your Directorate, and Mr. CHARLES A. SITHER, this office, regarding the above Subject on 16 February 1955.

2. At the request of Lt. Colonel MORITZ, Captain WILLIAM A. BROCKETT, 73572, U. S. Navy, Industrial Officer, Bureau of Ships, David Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, was interviewed on 16 February 1955. He advised that Mr. [redacted] a civilian employee of the David Taylor Model Basin, had, on Friday, 11 February 1955, reported that he had seen an unidentified, saucer-shaped, illuminous object while driving in his car at approximately 2200 hours the previous night.

3. Accordingly, on this same date, Mr. [redacted] who is employed as a Model Maker in the Metal Working Shop, Industrial Division, Bureau of Ships, Department of the Navy, David Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, was interviewed at the above installation. He advised that at approximately 2203 hours, Thursday, 10 February 1955, while driving his car east on McArthur Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland, between 75th or 76th Street and the entrance to Cabin John Gardens, a distance of approximately two (2) city blocks, he observed an illuminous object shaped like a very small portion of the bottom of the moon, very slightly, if any, to the right of his car and at an altitude of approximately one hundred and fifty (150) feet. According to [redacted] this object appeared to be enormous in size, between three (3) to four (4) hundred yards in length and ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet high at its widest point. He stated that it was about the color of the moon, "a yellowish, radiant color", and had a flat top, parallel to the horizon, and a spherical bottom. [redacted]ecalled that it remained

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in the above-described shape and position, apparently not moving, for approximately thirty (30) seconds. He stated that the bottom portion then appeared to assume a funnel type shape, approximately thirty (30) to fifty (50) feet in depth at its widest point, narrowing at the bottom, and the object seemed to diminish in size. Upon arriving at the entrance to the Cabin John Gardens, according to [redacted] he drove back to the place where he had first sighted the object and retraced his route. He stated that, at that time, the object was not visible. He said that he had observed the object for approximately one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) to two (2) minutes, and that his wife, [redacted] and his son, [redacted], ten years of age, were present in the car at the time of the incident and also observed the object. [redacted] recalled that it was a dark, cloudy night with no moon or stars visible, and that there were no other cars on the road at that particular time.

4. Mr. [redacted] also advised that he was an amateur "astrologer" for approximately seven (7) years until 1951, and that he has never previously seen an object of this size and shape. He could offer no logical explanation for the occurence, and stated that he heard nothing which might resemble aircraft engine noises.

5. [redacted] gave his home address as [redacted] Bethesda 14, Maryland.

6. No further pertinent information concerning this matter was furnished by either [redacted]r Captain BROCKETT. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Charles A. Sither
CHARLES A. SITHER
Chief
Counter Intelligence Division

cc: Comdr, Hq Comd, BAFB
Air Tech. Intell. Ctr,
W-P AFB, Ohio, Attn: ATIAA-2C

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AFCSI-6D INV 24-185-4

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Observed Over Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 1940 Hours, 9 March 1956
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
14th OSI District (IG)
Lowry AFB
Colorado

1. Attached for your information and necessary action are copies of a letter from District Office Nr 4 concerning the above subject.

2. Request a copy of the attached letter be furnished appropriate representative of Headquarters, ADC, as a matter of interest to that Command.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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GENE P. MORITZ, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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Cy ltr fr DO #4, 24-0-408, dtd 14 March 1956 (in dup)

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) NR
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Observed Over Glen Ridge, New Jersey at
1940 hours, 9 March 1956
SPECIAL INQUIRY - FLYOBRPT

TO: Commander
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling AFB 25, D. C.
Attn: Provost Marshal

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1. At 0100 hours, 10 March 1956, this office was advised by a representative of the FBI that the Newark Office of the FBI had received information to the effect that an unidentified flying object had been observed by Mr. [redacted], Glen Ridge, New Jersey, at 1940 hours, 9 March 1956. According to the FBI, Mr. [redacted] advised that he had seen what appeared to be an extremely bright light travelling at a very slow rate of speed in a South by Southwest direction. It was indicated that this object was first observed by [redacted] son, not further identified, at 1930 hours and was still in the air at 1940 hours when observed by Mr. [redacted]. It was further revealed by the FBI that the Newark FBI had been notified that some of Mr. [redacted] neighbors had also observed the object in question.

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2. The files of this office do not contain any information concerning Mr. [redacted]

3. The above information is being submitted for your information. No further action in this matter is contemplated by this office.

4. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

5. This letter is classified [redacted] pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

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CHARLES E. SITHER
Chief
Counter Intelligence Division

cc: Dir OSI

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object Reported 28 Nov 56
by Mr[redacted], N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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TO: Commander
Headquarters Command, USAF
Bolling Air Force Base 25, D. C.

1. Synopsis: Mrs. [redacted] Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. at 1000 hours, 28 November 1956 telephonically reported to a representative of U. S. Army, Military District of Washington that she had observed an unidentified flying object at 0600 hours that date.

2. Details: Major MILDRED C. BAILEY, L281, Chief, Intelligence Branch, U. S. Army, G-2, Military District of Washington (MDW) at 1115 hours 28 November 1956 telephonically notified a representative of this District that a Mrs. [redacted], N. W., Washington, D. C., telephone number [redacted], at 1000 hours 28 November 1956 telephonically contacted Sgt JOHN COLLINS, RA 12308406, Message Center, Adjutant General Section, MDW and related the following information:

[redacted] 0600 hours 28 November 1956 awoke and upon looking out her bedroom window observed a "flying saucer" which was approximately 4' x 6' in diameter, dome shaped, and white in color. Mrs. [redacted] stated this object was "located in a westernly direction" and remained stationary for a period of approximately five (5) minutes after which it raised and went to an unknown height and then came down again and remained for approximately five (5) minutes longer. She stated the object made no noise. Mrs. [redacted] furnished no further details.

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3. Action: At 1128 hours 28 November 1956 a representative of this District telephonically contacted Major EMMETT MILLER, 10945A, Director of Plans and Programming, and Intelligence Officer, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base 25, D. C. Major MILLER advised he would take necessary actions as provided for in AFR 200-2.

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cc: Dir OSI

PAUL A. HURST
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI-IG
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE 25, D.C.

24-0-457

12 DEC 1957

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Reported
Seen at CRNS ~~Brownsville~~ State Hospital
Crownsville, Maryland, 13 Nov 57

TO:
Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

1. Attached for your information is a report dated 15 November 1957 concerning the above-captioned Subject which was furnished this office by Headquarters, 109th Counter Intelligence Corps Group, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on 20 November 1957.

2. For your further information, the Commander, 109th Counter Intelligence Corps Group advised that no further investigation of this incident was being conducted by his Headquarters.

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JOHN M. NISWANDER
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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cc: 8 Dir OSI (USAF)
Comdr, 1001st AB Gp, HEDCOM, AAFB

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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE 25, D.C.

24-0-460

20 DEC 1957

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

1. During the conduct of another type inquiry, the attached documents, handbills and pamphlets were furnished this office by the Inspector General, National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, Bolling Air Force Base 25, D. C.

a. The Junior Skywatch OF THE AMERICAS Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 1, July-August, 1957.

b. Announcement of The 2nd Annual Interplanetary Space Conference of the Cosmic Circle of Fellowship, Inc.

c. Copy of letter from [redacted] to General NATHAN TWINING, Chief of Staff, The U. S. Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., dated 18 June 1957.

d. Copy of letter from [redacted] to The Honorable RICHARD B. RUSSELL, Chairman, Armed Services Committee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., dated 28 June 1957.

e. Volume 4, No. 3 of THE LITTLE LISTENING POST at Washington, D.C.

f. Letter to Senator BYRD from Major DONALD E. KEYHOE-Questions (Undated).

g. THE U.F.O. INVESTIGATOR, Volume I, No. 1, Washington 6, D. C., July 1957.

h. Pamphlet, A MESSAGE FROM OUTER SPACE, by William Ferguson. (Copyright 1955 by Golden Age Press, Inc., Box 1022, Oak Park, Illinois - Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 55-7223).

i. Pamphlet, RELAX FIRST, by William R. Ferguson. (Copyright 1937, Published by The Bronson-Canode Printing Co., 626 Federal Street, Chicago, 5, Illinois).

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j. Pamphlet, MY TRIP TO MARS, by William Ferguson, September 1954, published by The Cosmic Circle of Fellowship, Inc., 2144 N. Central Park Avenue, Chicago 47, Illinois.

k. Pamphlet, TRUTH AND FLYING SAUCERS, by Duncan Cameron Campbell, May 1957, Washington, D.C.

2. This material is being furnished your Headquarters for informational purposes only in view of your responsibilities under AFR 200-2 in connection with the reporting and investigation of UFO's. This material may assist in the preparation of any studies or reports which may be required of your headquarters or ATIC. The material does not have to be returned and may be destroyed after it has served its purpose.

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cc: Dir OSI (USAF)

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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: [redacted]
Camp Springs, Maryland

TO: Commander
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The following is forwarded to your Headquarters for your information.

2. On 17 September 1958, [redacted] Camp Springs, Maryland, telephone [redacted], contacted the Directorate of Special Investigations and furnished the following information: He was driving along Temple Hills Road between Temple Hills and Camp Springs, Maryland, when he noticed off to the right, about 30° to 35° bearing from the car, two pinpoints of light, greenish blue in color, but mostly blue, surrounded by a glow of the same color, falling directly downward. He could not tell whether this object was 500 light years away or a mile away. It took approximately six seconds to fall from a point where it was first sighted to a point where the trees obscured it. A check of a map of the area indicated that it was pretty close to the vicinity of the Weather Bureau in Suitland (three miles away). The color of this object did not correspond to the wing tip lights of green; it was definitely blue. It seemed to fall at a rate which wasn't increasing or accelerating; it was a constant rate which seemed to be much faster than the velocity of a falling stone. It appeared to him to be approximately two miles away and a mile and a quarter high, and it covered that distance in approximately six seconds. He could return to the exact spot where he was when this object was sighted, because it was a place on Temple Hills Road where there are two culverts, and he stopped directly on one of them.

3. [redacted] advised that he would be at home after 1800 each evening and he would discuss the matter with an Air Force representative.

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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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24-0-499

SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Large, Flat, Egg-Shaprd Object
Sighted near Loch Raven Dam, North
of Baltimore, Md., 26 Oct 58

TO: Commander
100lst Air Base Wing (HEDCOM)
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Base Operations Officer

1. Reference is made to conversation between Special Agent MARTIN H. DEELY, of this office, and the Base Operations Officer, on 27 October 1958, concerning unidentified flying objects.

2. The following is submitted for your information:

a. At 0050 hours, 27 October 1958, Cpl KENNETH HARTMANN, Headquarters, Baltimore County Police Department, Towson, Baltimore-4, Maryland, advised the Baltimore Detachment of this District Office, [redacted], that [redacted] 27 [redacted], [redacted], age 24, 33 [redacted] of Baltimore, Maryland, had reported seeing an unidentified flying object. Cpl KENNETH HARTMANN advised that [redacted] and [redacted] had not been drinking and that they appeared to be very frightened. Cpl HARTMANN further advised that he received the following information from [redacted] and [redacted]:

> While driving near Loch Raven Dam, north of Baltimore City, around midnight on 26 October 1958, as they came over a small hill, they saw a large, flat, egg-shaped object approximately 75 to 100 feet long, hovering near the ground. As their car approached the object, the electrical system failed in their car, the engine stopped, and the lights of their car went out. [redacted] and [redacted] got out of the car and approached the object, at which time the object emitted a noise, the sound of which was described as being between a rumble and an explosion, and took off vertically, remaining in sight for approximately 35 to 40 seconds. The object gave off a fluorescent glow during the entire time it was observed. [redacted] claimed that one side of his face was burned at the time of take-off.

b. With reference to paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

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4D OSI 24-0-499, Subject: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, Large, Flat, Egg-Shaped Object Sighted Near Loch Raven Dam, North of Baltimore, Md., 26 Oct 58

(1) Description of the Object:

(a) Shape - flat and egg-shaped
(b) Size - Approximately 75 to 100 feet long (diameter not indicated)
(c) Color - Fluorescent glow (no color indicated)
(d) Number - One object
(e) Formation - N/A
(f) Discernible Features or Details - None indicated.
(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None indicated
(h) Sound - Combination of rumble and explosion
(i) Other pertinent features - None indicated

(2) Description of Course of Object:

(a) Object was hovering in path of automobile
(b) Viewers were level with, or slightly above object.
(c) Object ascended straight up into the sky, no maneuvers indicated
(d) Object disappeared into the sky
(e) Object remained in sight approximately one minute.

(3) Manner of Observation:

(a) Ground-visual
(b) No optical aids
(c) Sighting was made from the ground

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) (Zulu time unknown) approximately midnight 26 October 1958
(b) Night-time

(5) Sighting occurred near Loch Raven Dam approximately eight (8) miles NNE of Baltimore, Maryland (Latitude and Longitude unknown)

(6) Observers:

4D OSI 24-0-499, Subject: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, Large, Flat, Egg-Shaped Object Sighted Near Loch Raven Dam, North of Baltimore, Md., 26 Oct 58

(a) Civilians [redacted] age 27, [redacted] Road, Baltimore 15, Maryland; [redacted] age 24, [redacted] Baltimore 15, Maryland. Occupations not indicated

(b) Military - None

(7) - (12) Unknown.

KEEFE O'KEEFE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted by [redacted] on
3 November 1958, at Baltimore,
Maryland

TO: Commander
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Base Operations Officer

1. Attached is a letter dated 4 November 1958 concerning an Unidentified Flying Object sighted [redacted] 3 November 1958 at Baltimore, Maryland.

2. Also attached is a copy of the results of a check made by this District Office on 10 November 1958, of various telephone directories in Baltimore City and Baltimore County.

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KEEFE O'KEEFE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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  1. Ltr fr EMMEL, dtd 4 Nov 58
  2. Results of local directories search, 10 Nov 58

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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE 25, D.C.

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24-0-513

SUBJECT: (U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT,
Sighted by [redacted],
Baltimore, Md., 11 Jan 59, Near
Crosse & Blackwell Plant, Baltimore, Md.

TO: Commander
1001st Air Base Wing
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Base Operations Officer

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Special Agent DANIEL A. CARTER, JR., this office, and T/Sgt RALPH H. HOON, of your office, on 12 January 1959, concerning above-captioned Subject.

2. The following information was received by this office on 12 January 1959 from 4th District OSI Detachment, Baltimore, Maryland:

Special Agent RANKE, U. S. Army Criminal Investigations Division, Fort Holabird, Maryland, reported that at 1735 hours, 11 January 1959, a M[redacted]ulevard, Baltimore 11, Maryland, had sighted through the windshield of his 1955 Chevrolet for 3 to 5 seconds, an unidentified flying object. This sighting took place near the Crosse and Blackwell plant on Eastern Boulevard near 45th Street. The object moved from North to South.

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Colonel, USAF
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4D OSI 24-0-563

(U) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Unidentified Flying Object Sighted over Downtown Baltimore Area by Mrs. [redacted] Street, Baltimore 1, Md.

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Commander
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a letter received by this office from the Officer in Charge, Field Intelligence Office, U. S. Navy, 103 S. Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland, concerning the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over the downtown area of Baltimore on 18 November 1959 by a Mrs. [redacted]

2. This letter is classified [redacted] to preclude unauthorized disclosure of investigative information.

KEEFE O'KEEFE
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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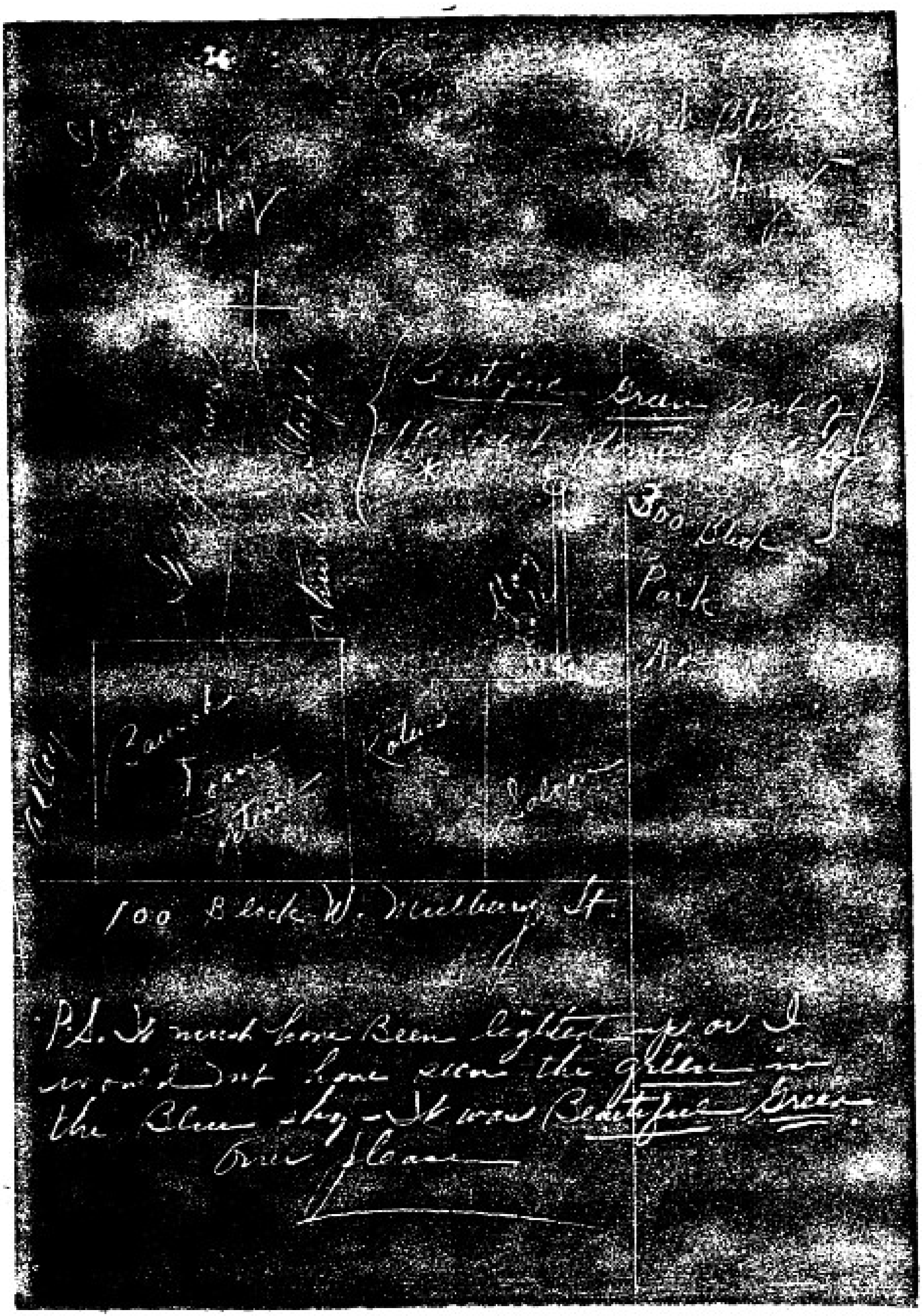
Beautiful Green
300 Block Park Av
100 Block W. Mulberry St.

P.S. It must have Been lighted up or I would not have seen the Green in the Blue sky — It was Beautiful Green. Oval Shape

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just few minutes Before [illegible]
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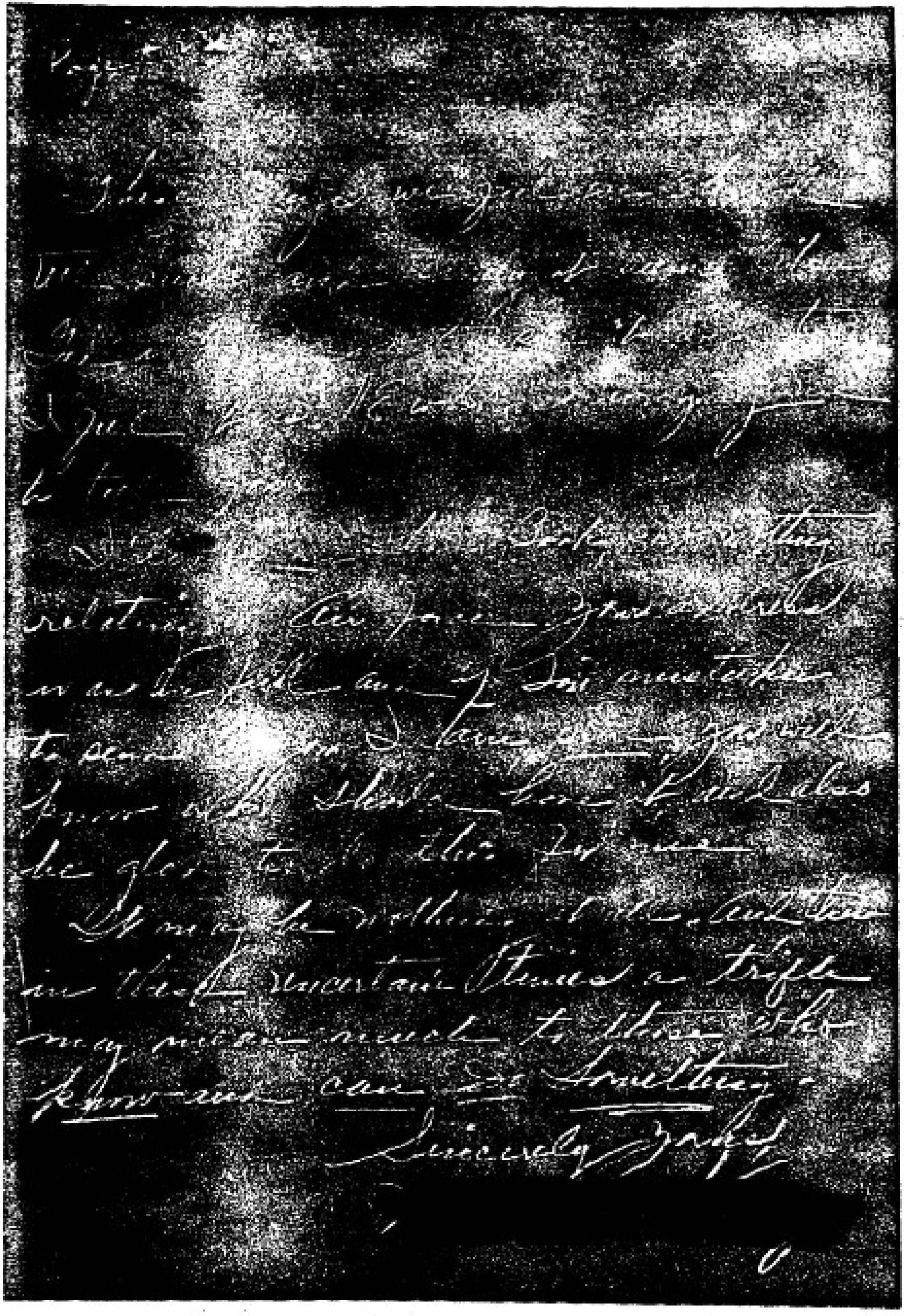

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in these uncertain times a trifle

may mean much to those who

know and can do something.

Sincerely yours,

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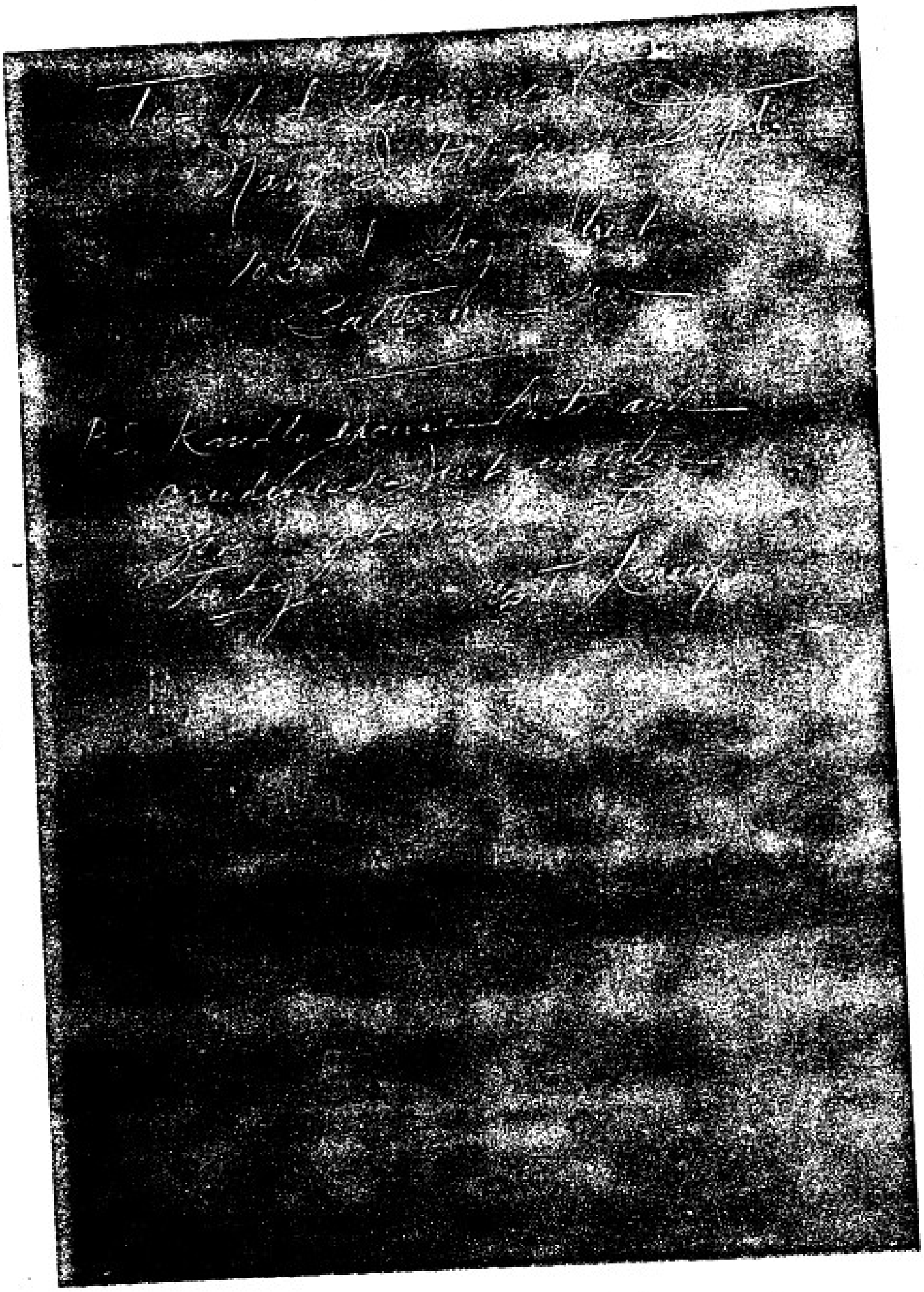

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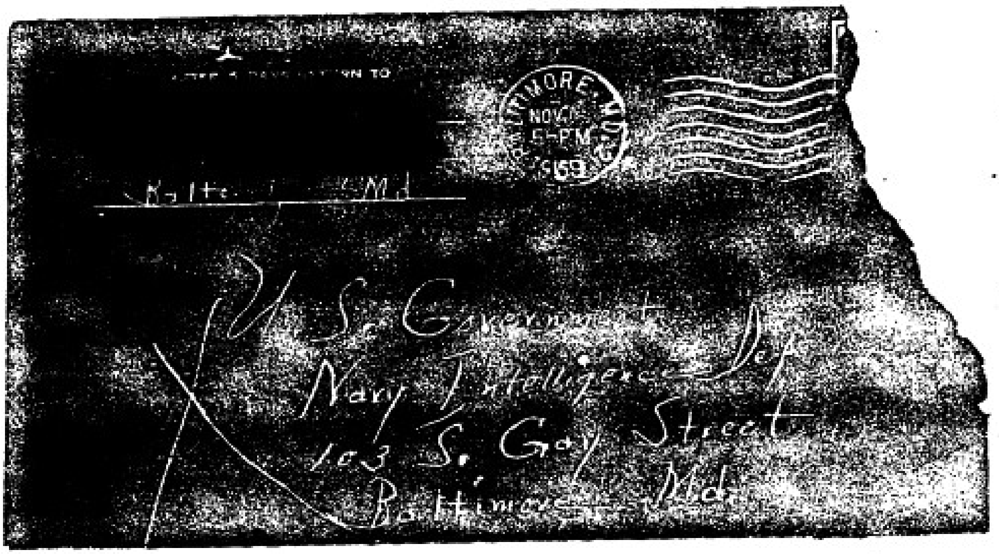

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There Is So Something Alien Up There

Reviewed by Garrett Underhill

A writer on military subjects, Mr. Underhill served as an Army General Staff editor of military intelligence publications during World War II and Korea.

FLYING SAUCERS: TOP SECRET. By Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.). Putnam's. 285 pp. $3.95.

THIS LATEST and most sensational book on saucery is avowedly an all-out effort by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena to get a "showdown" congressional investigation of "Unidentified Flying Objects."

The author, a Committee director, flatly charges that of late years the United States Air Force deliberately has kept its investigation of "UFOs" under ever-tighter secrecy. He claims that the Air Force, like his Committee, has come to believe that UFOs are real but not Russian: they're from outer space.

He contends that the Air Force has clammed up because it fears to alarm people over what it can neither explain nor do anything about. He says that this fear of popular panic, which derives in no small part from the effect of Orson Welles' 1938 "Martian invasion" radio broadcast, recently has been heightened by in-air damage to commercial and military planes (and disappearance of others over the Pacific) only explicable in terms of collision with UFOs.

DESIGNED FOR the popular market, the book reads like a grafting of science fiction and "private eye." Throughout, the author and his cohorts battle for the truth against reputed Air Force cover-up. They find evidence in an ancient Turkish chart supposedly based on a map of the world owned by Columbus, that the present UFO "invasion" is merely a return of spacemen to earth, where they founded and abandoned a colony 10,000 years ago.

Exposition is largely by conversations reminiscent of a Ben Hecht city room ("You'd better work fast. This is a big break for Air Force censors. They can use it to kill off NICAP"), which is at least eminently entertaining.

To non-scholars, the book may be horrifyingly convincing. The author, a retired Marine flier, has strong support from fellow Annapolis graduates also retired.

THE AUTHOR, nevertheless appears unfair to the Air Force. He fails to recognize that, were there any conscious program of cover-up, the decision wouldn't be the USAF's. Further, Keyhoe and his NICAP so far have consistently failed to develop a scientific approach, in effect living off Air Force data while contributing little or nothing but alarmism.

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10 AUG 1960

4D OSI 24-0-583

(U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Commander
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959, the information below is forwarded to your Headquarters.

2. On 3 August 1960, Special Agent MORRIS C. CAILLOUET interviewed [redacted] Special Assistant's Office, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Room 2D775, The Pentagon Building, Washington 25, D. C., telephone extension 79952. [redacted] stated that on the night of 2 August 1960 he was "trying out" a new set of 7 x 50 binoculars in the rear yard of his residence - [redacted] Lane, Alexandria, Virginia. While looking at the moon, he noticed a small object moving in the lower portion of his field of vision. This was at approximately 2203 hours. He stated this object started moving, stopped, then moved again. At first he thought this to be some foreign material on the lens of his binoculars, but upon checking it the lens was clear and he could see the object without the use of the binoculars. He then sat in a chair so he could brace the binoculars and observed the object trace the approximate path indicated on Attachment #1. He stated the object took approximately seven seconds to travel this distance. As the object began fading at the end of the path indicated, [redacted] called his next door neighbor, [redacted] Lane, Alexandria, Virginia, over to view this object. At this tim[redacted] stated they could not see the original object, but observed a second one as indicated on Attachment #1. This object remained stationary in the sky for approximately 1½ hours.

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3. [redacted] could not make an identification of these objects with anything known to him. See Attachment #2 for [redacted] description of these objects.

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4. [redacted] stated the visibility and ceiling were unlimited during his observations, and that the object appeared in the southeast section of the sky. According to [redacted], the angle of elevation of his line of sight was about 25 degrees.

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5. [redacted] stated he had marked the approximate location of the object by a mark on his garage and added that he would make further attempts to observe these objects.

JOHN W. GAFFNEY
Colonel, USAF
Commander

2 Atchs (dup)
1. Diagram, UFO Sighting, 2 Aug 60
2. Diagram, UFO Sighting, 2 Aug 60

Copy to:
Dir OSI (USAF)(w/2 Atchs)

FOR DIR OSI (USAF) ONLY:

It should be noted that on 3 August 1960, Major LEO OLSEN, Directorate OSI, telephonically contacted this office and requested that [redacted] assigned to the Office of Special Assistant to the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Publications, be interviewed inasmuch as he possessed information concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

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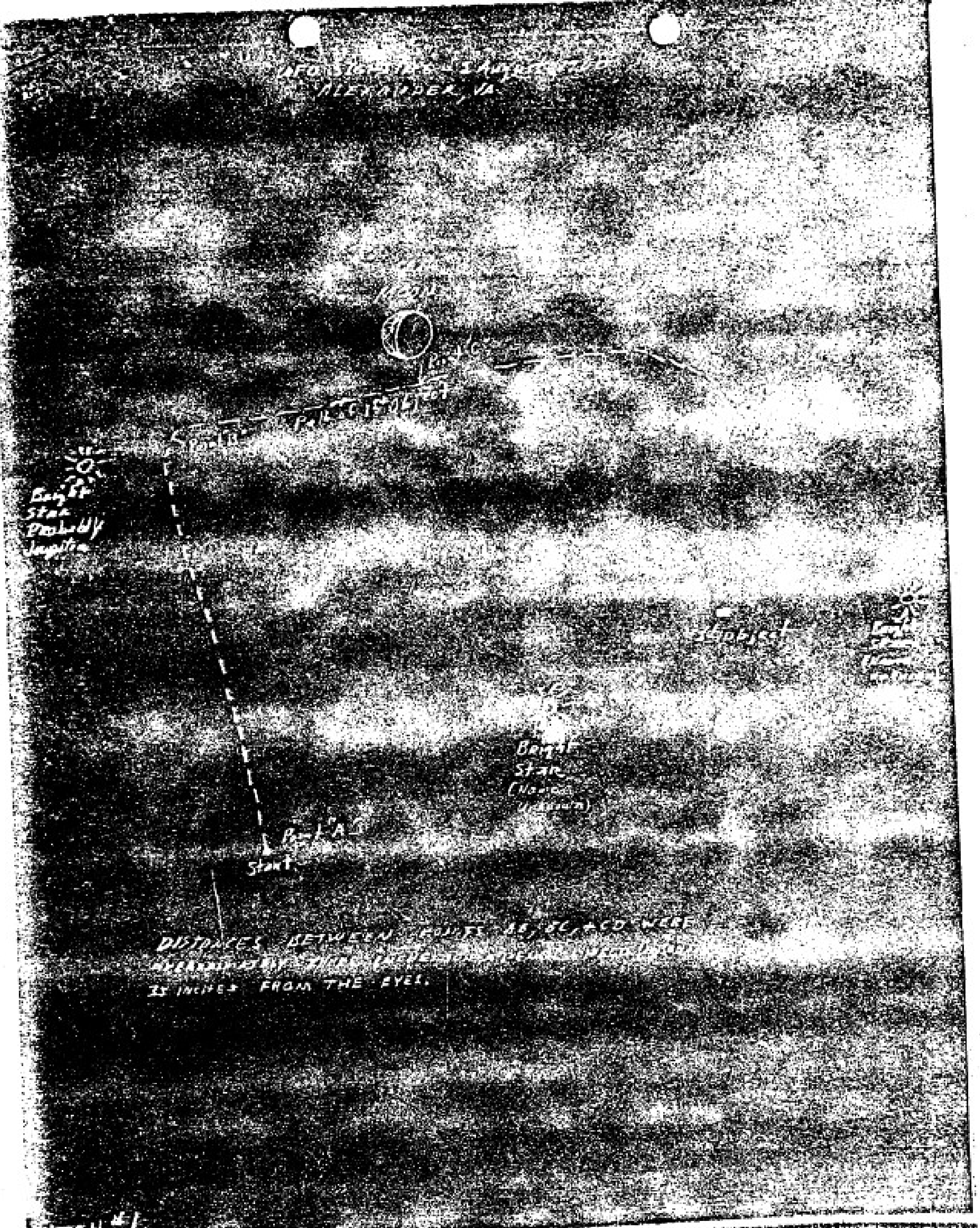
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UFO SIGHTING — 2 A[illegible] 1980
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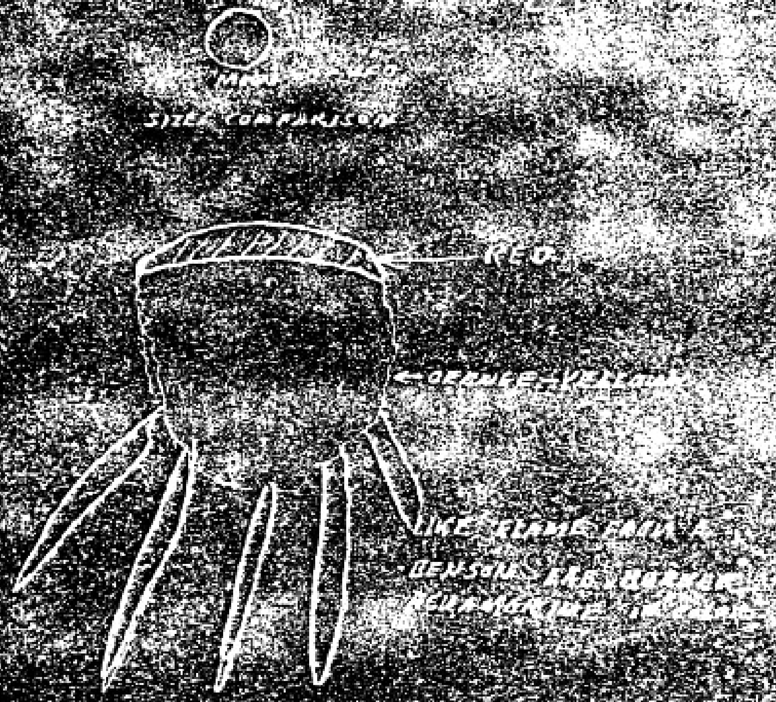
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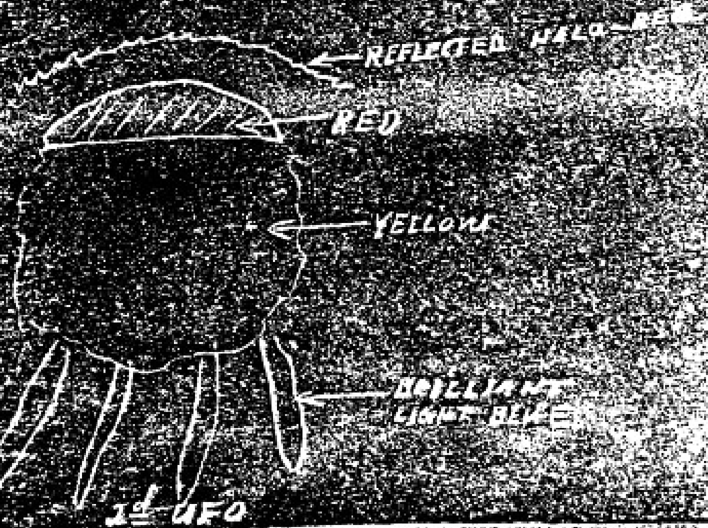
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4TH DISTRICT OFFICE, OSI
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE 25, D.C.

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22 APR 1963

4D OSI 24-0 -734

Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
Silver Spring, Md.

Commander
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. On 11 April 1963, this District Office [redacted] telephonic notification of a UFO having been sighted by [redacted], a schoolboy, [redacted]ve, Silver Spring, Maryland, JUniper [redacted] A time exposure photograph was allegedly made of the UFO by [redacted] and a friend, [redacted] Street, Silver Spring, Maryland. [redacted] advised this occurred on the night of 11 November 1962 and he has been attempting since then to report it to the proper agency. [redacted] described the UFO as a streak of light which traveled horizontally across the sky, turned upward and exploded.

2. The above is furnished for your information and any action deemed necessary.

JOHN W. GAFFNEY
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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OSI COMMUNICATION

DATE OF TRANSMITTAL
18 January 1965

TO:
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FROM:
AFISIIA

SUBJECT
(U) Unidentified Flying Object

REFERENCE

ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ATTACHED IS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION. THIS MATTER IS ☐ PENDING ☐ CLOSED.
REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN. (AFR 124-4)
IF THIS IS PROCESSED UNDER AFR ; REQUEST COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH
REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.
NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S).
RETURN ATTACHMENT(S) AFTER HAVING SERVED YOUR PURPOSE.
REQUEST AN INDICES CHECK ON ABOVE SUBJECT AND INDIVIDUAL(S) LISTED IN OTHER/REMARKS.
WHEN ATTACHMENT(S) IS/ARE REMOVED, THE CLASSIFICATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ☐ RETAINED ☐ DOWNGRADED TO ☐ CANCELED ☐ MARKED "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."

OTHER/REMARKS

1. The attached is forwarded for your action in accordance with AFR 200-2.

2. Our files contain no prior record regarding the letter writer.

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Ltr, 6 Jan 65, from
Mrs. T. V. Gates

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Mr. Palmer
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JOHN B. ADAMS, Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Special Investigations

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Sea Cliff L.I.
January 6th/65

To Whom it may concern,

Dear Sirs,

Yesterday, January 5th I was visiting my friend whose husband is an American Air line pilot. While I was there he came in with another pilot of the same line who proceeded to launch into a very detailed discription of an encounter with one of these so-called flying saucers over Washington D.C. at 16,000 feet on January 3rd at about 5 P.M. It sounded quite fantastic but I must admit he convinced me he & his co-pilot actually saw the genuine article. They refused to report it because the subsequent grilling, the pilots her co-pilot [illegible]

article. They refused to report it because of the subsequent grilling the pilots have learned to expect, besides the boys know they are made the laughing-stock by the skeptical.

Now, maybe I'm a busy-body to report it *for* him & it *really* at first never entered my mind [illegible]

in the Long Island Press I read a report that the radar operators at Patuxent Naval Station spotted two U.F.O's approaching at a speed of 1800 miles per hour the evening of Dec. 29th

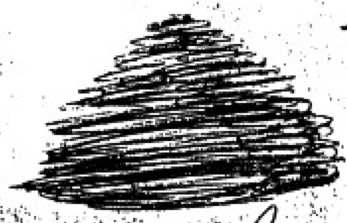
Since the public haven't been informed of any recent apparitions, I thought it was rather a coincident that an infernal machine was actually seen 5 days later than the blips on our radar.

They first saw the small black speck on a higher plane to their right. It came very fast down & toward them — like this:—

It was so large it filled the wind shield in front & though scared to death they altered course as a spontaneous reaction. The ship hovered in front of them, then also took off at a sharp angle away to the left & up. It all happened so fast I discount their estimation

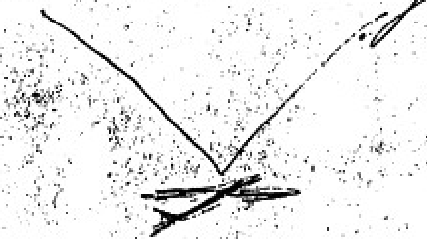
lift & up. [illegible]
fast I discount their estimation
of the size & speed — which I feel
is extremely difficult to gauge in
the wide blue yonder.

But I do think they got a
good look at the shape. It was
jet black. — the shape of a triangle —
slightly rounded at the
bottom & fuzzy around
the edges as though
enveloped in gases or had the



optical allusion of a spinning top.
One guess is good as another. They thought it might have been travelling about Mach 3 & it was big — (they said about a block long) It came mighty close (300 yards) There all pure guess work.

At any rate the passengers probably didn't see it as it stayed in front of the jet. —



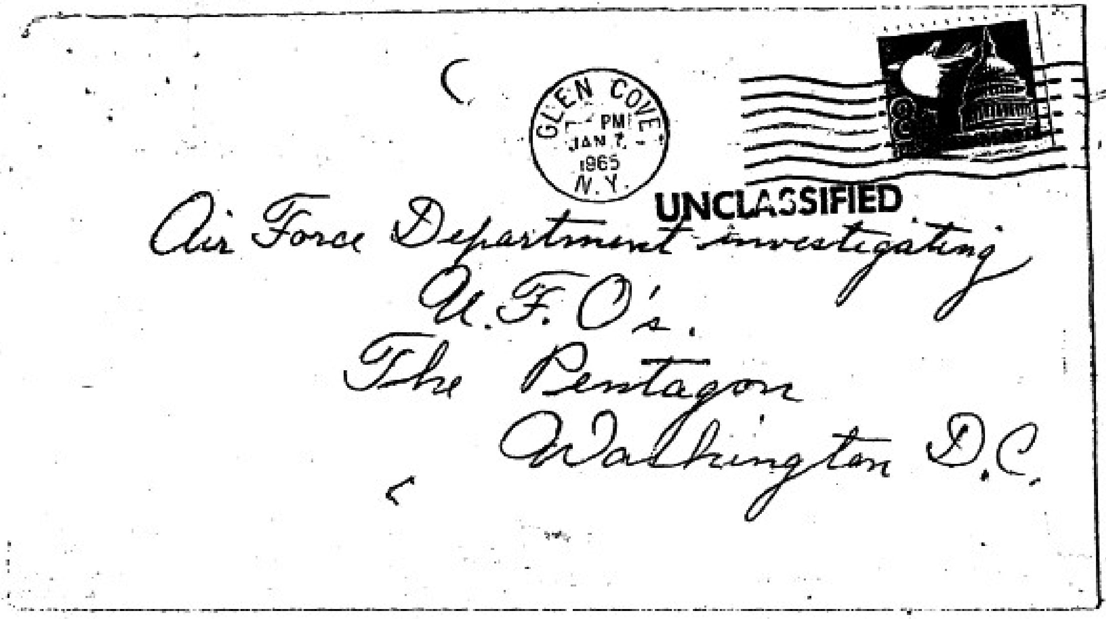
So, now I've done my duty as a good citizen — & reported the unperfected visitors. Somewhere, I read the Canadians were working on this saucer theory. I doubt very much if the Russians had it because the "juveniles" would be bragging by now. (And possibly threatening) It gives one goose bumps to contemplate [illegible]

-bragging

It gives me goose bumps to contemplate
if it came from outer space. On the
other hand, maybe creatures with a higher
I.Q. than we have, have looked this
beautiful Planet over & decided to wait
until damn fool humans have blown
themselves to Kingdom Come. They
certainly would do a better job! Freedom
has its' drawbacks!

I'll not mention the Pilots name
— he wouldn't appreciate my tattling!

Sincerely, [redacted]



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Air Force Department investigating
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The Pentagon
Washington D.C.

Mrs [redacted] Ave
Sea Cliff, L.I.
New York.

AFISI-E1 **UNCLASSIFIED** 23 Jul 65

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: UFO Sighted at Waldorf, MD on 22 July 1965

TO: AFISIIC

1. The duty officer at the Command Post this date cut me in on a telephone call which was in progress. It concerned someone, not identified to me, making a call about an unidentified flying object which he had seen on the evening of 22 Jul about 1945 hours. He was describing the object when I was cut in. It was long, was orangish-red in color fading into the blue at the end of its very long tale. It was shaped liked a PEPCO sign. The caller could not estimate its speed. He was driving on a road east of Waldorf, Md. at the time and saw it against a cloud bank. Teleph [redacted]

2. The caller had no further information and after he hung up, the Command Post cut out.

Robert R Springer
ROBERT R. SPRINGER, SMSGT, USAF
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERINTENDENT

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

OSI DISTRICT FILES
5th DISTRICT: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO
OSI FILE DESIGNATION 24-185-5

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

5D-OSI/JCS/emb

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21DD

2 November 1949

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS - Alleged observation
of flying discs by [redacted]
during winter of 1948/49 in
Territory of Alaska

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE [illegible]
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt. USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1973

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, General Investigations

1. The following information regarding subject matter is furnished for your files and any further action deemed appropriate by your headquarters.

2. On 20 September 1949, as a result of a conversation of 16 September 1949 between Mr. G. TOWLES of the Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command and Mr. JOHN MORRILL, 5th District, Office of Special Investigations (IG); Lt Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, Jr., Acting Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters, AMC, requested this district initiate an investigation, for the purpose of confirming or denying certain allegations made by one, [redacted] wherein he claimed having in his possession a "flying saucer", as well as various scenes showing alleged saucers landing and taking off. A copy of this communication is inclosed as Inclosure No. 1.

Included with the communication from Lt Colonel HEMSTREET to 5th District, Office of Special Investigations was a copy of a TWX from the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence Division, United States Air Force, to "PROJECT GRUDGE", stating in substance that a Hollywood, California writer named [redacted] had made statements through the medium of the Press, that he had made movies of "flying saucers" in Alaska with the permission of certain unspecified "authorities". A copy of this TWX is inclosed herewith as Inclosure No. 2.

Also included with the communication from Lt Colonel HEMSTREET to 5th District, Office of Special Investigations was a newspaper article extracted from the September 14, 1949 issue of the Dayton, Ohio "Journal Herald" wherein, under a by-line by ALINE MOSBY, dated 13 September 1949, was contained allegations of one, "[redacted]", as referred to in para-

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graph 2 above. A facsimile of aforementioned newspaper article is inclosed herewith as Inclosure No. 3.

3. As a result of receipt of communication from Lt Colonel HEMSTREET, this district initiated investigation as requested under File No. 24-21DD and, on 27 September 1949, prepared a letter to the Acting District Commander, 18th OSI District (IG), to conduct appropriate investigation in accordance with provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949. A copy of letter from this district to 18th OSI District is inclosed herewith as Inclosure No. 4.

4. On 17 October 1949, 5th District, Office of Special Investigations was informed by Lt Colonel H. W. POTE, Deputy to the Chief of the Public Information Office, Headquarters, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, that he had received a telephone call, same date, from Lt J. G. MORRIS (telephone extension 2034), Public Relations Office, Headquarters, USAF, Washington, D. C., advising that his office was in receipt of a call from one, [redacted] [redacted], that he, [redacted], had received a press release from one, "[redacted]" (name not spelled out by Lt MORRIS; spelling is as given by Lt Colonel POTE), to the effect that "[redacted]" had in his possession 900 feet of film about "flying saucers" in Alaska. Also, that Mr. [redacted] requested any information available as to the authenticity of "[redacted]" material and whether an investigation by a "WILLIAM McKNIGHT" had been conducted into subject matter. Lt MORRIS asked of Colonel POTE whether Wright Field investigated subject matter and what is known concerning "McKNIGHT". In reply to Lt MORRIS, Lt Colonel POTE contacted a Lt H. W. SMITH, Project Officer of "PROJECT GRUDGE", Technical Intelligence Division, Headquarters, AMC, and as a result of this conversation with this officer advised that there was no knowledge of Wright Field having conducted an investigation into subject matter but that if it had, it would have been through "Office of Special Investigations" and that therefore, Public Information Office would have no knowledge of same. With regard to questions concerning "WILLIAM McKNIGHT", Colonel POTE advised Lt J. G. MORRIS that he possessed no information regarding a "McKNIGHT" conducting an investigation into subject matter.

5. As a result of the conversation between Lt Colonel POTE and representative of this headquarters, a memorandum to appropriate file was prepared covering matter discussed. A copy of memorandum to file is inclosed herewith as Inclosure No. 5.

6. Predicated upon information related by Lt Colonel POTE, referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, a letter dated 24 October 1949 was initiated to the District Commander, 18th OSI District (IG), conveying information referred to in paragraph 4 above. A copy of this letter is inclosed as Inclosure No. 6.

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FLYING DISCS

7. On 1 November 1949, 1st Lt H. W. SMITH, Project Officer of "PROJECT GRUDGE", personally appeared in this office bearing in hand a copy of a letter, dated 25 October 1949, from one, [redacted], [redacted]y, New York 18, wherein "BAHN" Edi[redacted] reference to a suggestion of a Lt Commander BEVERLY L. BRITTON, Magazine and Book Branch, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, Washington, that he contact Public Information Officer, AMC, because "it is my understanding at the present time that the Office of Special Investigation at Wright-Patterson does have some knowledge of Mr [redacted] claims" and further that [redacted] was anxious to establish whether claims made by Mr. [redacted] were valid. Lt H. W. SMITH advised this office that he had received cited letter from the Public Information Office, Headquarters, AMC with request that he recommend appropriate answer to letter of [redacted], dated 25 October 1949, and that it was his purpose in contacting Headquarters, 5th District Office of Special Investigations to secure recommendations on contents of a reply to aforementioned letter of [redacted]. Lt H. W. SMITH was advised, with regret, by this headquarters that it was not the policy of Office of Special Investigations (IG) to make such recommendations. Upon being advised of the latter, Lt SMITH advised this headquarters that it was his intent to convey to the Public Information Officer that he was unable to release any information regarding subject matter for purpose intended. A copy of letter from "[redacted] to the Public Information Office, AMC, dated 25 October 1949 is inclosed herewith as Inclosure No. 7.

8. In the conduction of this investigation, this district is operating on the premise that "[redacted]", "[redacted]", [redacted]R and "[redacted] are one and the same individual; further, that [redacted] and [redacted] are also one and the same individual.

9. At the present time, this headquarters contemplates no additional action other than furnishing 18th District OSI a copy of "[redacted]" letter dated 25 October 1949 to the Public Information Office, AMC, for information and any action deemed necessary by that district.

James F. X. O'Connell
JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1. Corres dtd 20 Sep 49 to 5D OSI frm MCIAXS
2. TWX frm CSAF-1 to PROJECT GRUDGE
3. Facsimile-clipping frm Dayton, O. "Journal-Herald"
4. Ltr, 5D OSI to 18D OSI dtd 27 Sep 49
5. Memo to 5D OSI file dtd 18 Oct 49
6. Ltr, 5D OSI to 18D OSI dtd 24 Oct 49
7. Ltr, [redacted] PIO, AMC dtd 25 Oct 49

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Flying Saucer Movies   MCIAXS   20 Sept 49   1

5D OSI
ATTN: Mr. J. E. Morrill

1. Reference is made to conference, 16 September 1949, between Mr. G. Towles (MCIAXS) and Mr. Morrill (5D OSI), and to United Press release by Aline Mosby under dateline Hollywood September 13, regarding a claim that Michael Contrad, a movie actor, has in his possession a flying saucer as well as several scenes showing these alleged saucers landing and taking off. It was further claimed these pictures were taken in Alaska with permission of "authorities".

2. It is requested your office initiate an investigation for the pupose of confirming or denying these allegations.

3. This office is of the opinion that this story is a publicity scheme, therefore, the investigation should be conducted so as not to compromise the position of the USAF.

A. J. HEMSTREET, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting Chief, Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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CSAF ITEM /RESTRICTED/

TO PROJECT GRUDGE

UNITED PRESS (THROUGH PRESS SECTION NME) STATES THAT A HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA WRITER, [redacted] TOL THE UP LOS ANGELES BUREAU THAT IN 1948 HE MADE MOVIES OF "FLYING SAUCERS" IN ALASKA WITH THE PERMISSION OF "AUTHORITIES". [redacted] DID NOT IDENTIFY THE "AUTHORITIES". DAB HAS NOTHING TO CONFIRM THIS STORY. SUGGEST PROJECT GRUDGE INVESTIGATE THROUGH OSI. THIS LOOKS LIKE A PUBLICITY SEEKING SCHEME SINC[redacted] INDICATES HIS "MOVIES" WILL BE RELEASED IN TWO MONTHS.

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Facsimile of newspaper clipping from September 14, 1949 ussue of the "Journal Herald", Dayton, Ohio.

JOURNAL HERALD, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1949

FILM ACTOR FINDS FLYING DISC, BUT PRESS AGENT DOUBTS TALE

By ALINE MOSBY

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 13. — (UP) —Having taken care of rocket ships, atomic bombs and Superman, Hollywood now is starring a flying saucer in a movie.

The Army's last decision was there isn't any such thing, but this has not dampened the spirit of actor Mikel Conrad. He is acting in, producing, directing and writing "The Secret of the Flying Saucers."

The star, he insists, is a whirling disc, or reasonable facsimile thereof. The movie is a spy mystery which also features a blond heroine, a handsome hero and Russians as the villains.

Idea While On Location

The actor got this colossal idea, he says, while on location in Alaska last winter for a Universal-International movie, "Arctic Manhunt."

"I heard about flying saucers there so I went back last summer with a camera crew from Whitehorse (Y. T., Canada) and two players, Pat Garrison and Hans Von Teuffen," he says.

"I found a saucer, I'm not telling how," a claim not believed even by one of his press agents.

"I have scenes of the saucer landing, taking off, flying and doing tricks. The saucer is not created in miniature or by trick photography. It is a mechanical, man-made object."

Whether it is a dishpan sailing across the camera or some garage-made contraption, he won't say.

Conrad and crew shot silent footage around Juneau for three months. He'll begin shooting interior scenes and dubbing in sound Sept. 26, he says.

His press agents have seen part of the film. They report it has some nice avalanches. They did not see any flying saucers.

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Locked In Bank Vault

"The saucer footage is locked in a bank vault," explains Conrad. "I'm not showing it to anyone yet."

The plot concerns a playboy, Michael Trent (Conrad), who steels his weak chin and goes saucer-hunting in Alaska for the government. To throw Russian spies off the track, he cleverly disguises himself as a drunkard seeking the cure. Trent is accompanied by an FBI agent, who turns out to be a beautiful blond (Miss Garrison), cleverly disguised as his nurse.

"We get snowbound in a remote cabin and romance finds a way," says Conrad.

Will Michael and Violet get out of the cabin before they're trapped by snow? or the Russions? or the censors? Will they capture the saucer? Will they drop dead before the end of the movie? Will you?

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5D-24-21DD

27 September 1949

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS - Alleged observation of flying discs by MIKEL CONRAD during winter of 1948/49 in Territory of Alaska

TO: Acting District Commander
18th OSI District (IG)
822nd USAF Specialized Depot
P. O. Box 310
Maywood, California

1. Transmitted herewith for your information, facsimile of newspaper clipping extracted from 14 September 1949 issue of the "Journal-Herald" published in Dayton, Ohio, wherein, under by-line of ALINE MOSBY, Hollywood, dated 13 September 1949, it is alleged that one, [redacted], did, during the winter of 1948/49 in Alaska, observe so-called "flying saucers", located one of same and took motion pictures of cited saucers in various flight stages and manoeuvers.

2. Request appropriate investigation be conducted by your district in accordance with provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949.

3. For the purpose of this investigation, it is requested that the title to be used in the preparation of Report of Investigation be as indicated above.

4. Request Report of Investigation be submitted this office, in six copies, so that this office may comply with Paragraph 3e(1),(2),(4), of cited AFCSI Letter.

5. In the event investigation has already been initiated, by your office, covering incident referred to in title; it is requested instructions contained in above paragraphs be ignored and six copies of investigation furnished this district.

JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

Incl:
Facsimile of newspaper clipping extracted from 14 Sep 49 issue of "Journal-Herald" (in trip)

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18 October 1949

Files, 5th District OSI (IG)

JOHN C. SHINER, S/A

PROJECT "GRUDGE" - File 24-21DD

1. On 17 October 1949, in compliance with instructions from Mr. JOHN E. MORRILL, Headquarters, 5D-OSI, the undersigned interviewed, at 1605 hours 17 October 1949, Lt Colonel H. W. POTE, MCGI, Building 262, Post 201-S, Phone No. 61338, Wright-Patterson AFB, regarding information related to Mr. MORRILL by telephone call on 17 October 1949 from Lt Colonel POTE relative to an investigation being conducted under PROJECT "GRUDGE."

2. Colonel POTE stated in substance as follows:

At 1430 hours 17 October 1949, Lt J. G. MORRIS, (telephone ext. 2034), Public Relations Office, USAF, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., by telephone, called Lt Colonel POTE, PIO, Headquarters, AMC, regarding a call received at The Pentagon from [redacted] (a Hollywood Publication), who advised Public Relations Office, USAF, that he had received a press release from one [redacted] (exact spelling not given by Lt MORRIS) regarding 900 feet of film about "Flying Saucers" in Alaska. [redacted] requested any information available as the the authenticity of [redacted] material and whether an investigation by a WILLIAM McKNIGHT had been conducted regarding subject matter. Lt MORRIS asked of Colonel POTE the following:

a. Did Wright Field investigate subject matter?
b. What is known concerning McKNIGHT?

As result of phone call from Lt MORRIS, Lt Colonel POTE contacted a Lt H. W. SMITH, Project Officer, Tech Intelligence, AMC, and as a result of his conversation with this officer proposes to advise that Headquarters, AMC, has no knowledge of Wright Field conducting an investigation into subject matter but if it had, it would have been through OSI and therefore PIO would have no knowledge of same. Reference to question No. 2, PIO Office, Headquarters, AMC, has no information regarding "WILLIAM McKNIGHT" conducting an investigation into subject matter.

JOHN C. SHINER
Special Agent
5th District OSI (IG)

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5D 24-21DD

24 October 1949

SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS - MIKEL CONRAD
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
18th District OSI (IG)
822nd USAF Specialized Depot
P.O. Box 310
Maywood, California

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, subject and file as above, dated 27 September 1949.

2. For your information the following datum is furnished;

On 17 October 1949 Special Agent JOHN C. SHINER of this office interviewed Lt. Colonel H. W. POTE, Office of Public Information, Air Materiel Command, reference a phone call POTE had received from Lt. J. G. MORRIS, Public Information Office, Headquarters USAF. MORRIS received a call at Headquarters USAF from [redacted] editor of Film Daily, a Hollywood Publication, who advised [redacted]at he had received a press release from one [redacted] regarding nine hundred (900) feet of film about flying saucers in Alaska. Mr. [redacted] requested any information available as to the authenticity [redacted] material and whether an investigation by WILLIAM McKNIGHT had been conducted regarding subject matter.

POTE contacted the project office for project "GRUDGE", located at Air Materiel Command, and as the result of his conversation with the Project Officer, proposed to advise Lt. MORRIS at Headquarters USAF, that if the investigation were being conducted Public Information Officer would have no knowledge of it, and that Public Information Officer at Headquarters Air Materiel Command had no information regarding WILLIAM McKNIGHT.

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(24 Oct 49)
SUBJECT: FLYING DISCS - MIKEL CONRAD, SPECIAL INQUIRY

3. This information is forwarded to aid your office in conducting subject investigation.

JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE FILM DAILY

[redacted], New York 18
Bryant 9-7117

From the Desk of
The Editor

October 25, 1949

Public Information Officer
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

This inquiry is at the suggestion of Lt. Commander Beverley L. Britton, Magazine and Book Branch, Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, Washington, and results from an exchange of correspondence with Commander Britton concerning the purported inclusion of 900 feet of actual photography of a flying saucer in a forthcoming Hollywood picture being produced by Mr. [redacted]. It's Mr. [redacted]'s claim that the footage was shot in Alaska and that it has been held in a Los Angeles vault under Government supervision.

Commander Britton writes "It is my understanding at the present time that the Office of Special Investigation at Wright-Patterson does have some knowledge of Mr. [redacted]'s claims."

I am anxious to establish whether the claims made by Mr. [redacted] are valid.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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John E. Morrill
JOHN E. MORRILL
WOJG, USAF

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-23	DATE 1 December 1949
	REPORT MADE BY FRANK J. LEXA, JR.	
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT ON 19 AUG 1949 at GLENN HAVEN TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN BY MR. & MR. C. J. [redacted]	REPORT MADE AT DO #24, 209 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill	
	PERIOD 28, 29 November 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
	STATUS REFERRED UPON COMPLETION	

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Interview of Mr. [redacted] Bloomington, Wisconsin, relative to his sighting of an unidentified aerial object requested by TWX from 5th District OSI, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 26 November 1949. Mr. [redacted] stated that he sighted an unidentified aerial object at approximately 1500 hours on 19 August 1949, while travelling in his automobile with his wife in Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin. He stated the object was travelling in a northerly direction at a height of normal aircraft at a speed of from 200 to 300 miles per hour. Hedescribed the object as exceedingly shiny, resembling a mirror with wing-like appendages. The diameter of the body appeared to be one foot, the length of the wing-like appendages, 10 inches, and their width one inch. Mr. [redacted] is the editor and publisher of the BLOOMINGTON RECORD, Bloomington, Wisconsin, a weekly newspaper.

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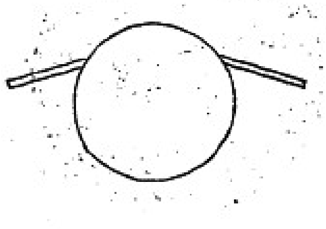
DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated on a TWX from the 5th District OSI, Wright-Patterson AFB, dated 26 November 1949, requesting an interview with Mr. [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, relative to an unidentified aerial object sighted by him.

AT BLOOMINGTON, WISCONSIN.

2. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], Bloomington, Wisconsin, were jointly interviewed on 29 November 1949. Mr. [redacted] stated that on or about 19 August 1949 he and his wife went for a short drive in the country. At approximately 1500 hours, while driving his automobile in a northerly direction near the [redacted] farm in Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin, he sighted an unidentified aerial object at an elevation of approximately 45° from his vehicle. He immediately called this unconventional object to the attention of his wife who also fleetingly viewed it. [redacted] stated that he is not familiar with methods of computing aerial height and therefore could not accurately judge the height in terms of feet, but estimated the object as being at the level of flight, or possibly a little higher, of an aircraft in normal travel conditions. He stated the object was travelling in a horizontal plane at an even keel, in a direct northerly direction and possibly veering a little to the east at an estimated speed of from two to three hundred miles per hour. He stated that no propulsion was visible, that the object appeared stable and that he could hear no exhaust or noise and that it gradually faded from view. The weather conditions were described as a clear, bright day. In describing the object, [redacted] stated that the body had the appearance of a round shiny mirror, approximately one foot in diameter with wing-like appendages, rudders or bars extending at approximately 10 inches on either side of the body. He described the width of the wing-like appendages as approximately one inch. A diagram of the object follows:

Length of appendages 10" -
width of appendages 1"



Body approximately [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the outstanding thing he noticed about the object was its brightness, which caused considerable glare in his eyes. [redacted] further stated that thereafter he returned to Bloomington, Wisconsin and did not give the incident further thought until he read a weekly newsletter from U. S. Representative GARDNER WITHROW, member of Congress from his Congressional District, outlining a similar incident in Salt Lake City, Utah, which had been investigated by the United States Air Force. He thereupon felt that the incident might be of interest to the United States Air Force and wrote to the Hon. GARDNER WITHROW about it.

3. [redacted] further stated that approximately two months later he had occasion to discuss the matter with one [redacted] a farmer residing near Bloomington, who in the discussion informed him that in late September or October, he heard a loud passing noise, but could not see any airplane or anything in the sky. He stated that he wondered if it was in any way connected with the aerial object he had viewed.

4. Mr. [redacted] is the Editor and Publisher of the BLOOMINGTON RECORD, a weekly newspaper published in Bloomington, Wisconsin, whose population is between 700 and 800 people. He has no pertinent hobbies, and his ability to determine and reliability appear to be good. Both Mr. [redacted] and his wife appear to be quite intelligent.

AT GLENN HAVEN TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

5. Mr. [redacted] who is a farmer in Glenn Haven Township, Grant County, Wisconsin, was interviewed relative to his discussion of an unexplained loud noise with Mr [redacted] [redacted] stated that either the last Saturday in September or the first Saturday in October he and his two brothers were working in the fields. While so doing, they heard a loud passing noise from the sky. Although it was a clear day, [redacted] stated that he could see nothing in the sky. He described the noise as very unusual and that it did not resemble that of a plane or group of planes. He stated that one day he happened to talk to Mr. [redacted] and when Mr. [redacted] related the description of the aerial object he had seen, he brought up the subject of the unexplained noise, wondering whether it had any connection. He was unable to give any further information.

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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5D 24-21FF

19 December 1950

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE:
Sighting of Unidentified Objects
on 23 October 1949 at Cincinnati,
Ohio by Mr. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXA-1

1. Reference is made to our letter of 28 December 1949, subject and file as above, transmitting two copies of the final report of Special Agent HARRIE L. STEWART, 5th OSI District, dated 28 December 1949.

2. Forwarded herewith for your additional information is a letter from Mr. [redacted] with one inclosure. Your attention is further invited to Mr. [redacted] statement that Special Agent PAISLEY has seen the aerial object. Also attached is a copy of the reply to Mr. [redacted]

3. In order that OSI records may be complete, it is requested that this office be advised of any action taken on above captioned case.

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- 1. Ltr fr Mr. WINKLER w/1 incl.
- 2. Cy of rply to Mr. WINKLER

REAGAN A. SCURLOCK
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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SUBJECT: (Confidential) PROJECT GRUDGE; Sighting of Unidentified Objects on 23 October 1949 at Cincinnati, Ohio by Mr. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Attention is invited to report of Special Agent Harris L. Stewart, file 5D 24-21FF, subject as above, dated 28 December 1949, copy of which is inclosed for reference purposes.

2. Attached for transmission to appropriate AMC authorities
is a letter from Mr. [redacted] with one (1) inclosure. Your attention
is further invited to Mr. [redacted] statement that Special Agent Paisly
~~has seen the~~ aerial object. Also attached is a copy of the reply to
Mr. [redacted]

3. Request that this Headquarters be advised as to what, if any, action is taken by AMC authorities.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

ROY A. LANGE
Major, U. S. Air Force
Ass't Executive, Dir. of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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1. R/I dtd 28 Dec 49 fr DO 5, re abv subj, w/incl
2. Ltr fr Mr. [redacted] dtd 27 Nov 50, w/incl
3. Cy ltr to Mr. [redacted] dtd 30 Nov 50

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30 November 1950

Mr. [redacted] Supt.
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[redacted]
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter of November 27, 1950 addressed to General Vandenberg. I want to assure you that the information you furnished will be given due cognizance by the proper agency of this Headquarters.

Sincerely,

R. A. GRUSSENDORF
Colonel, USAF
Executive to CS/USAF

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	5D 24-21FF
DATE	23 December 1949
REPORT MADE BY	HARRIE L. STEWART
REPORT MADE AT	DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
PERIOD	15,16,21,22 December 1949
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TITLE

PROJECT GRUDGE; Sighting of Unidentified Objects on 23 October 1949 at Cincinnati, Ohio by [redacted] R. [redacted]

Aerial Phenomena

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by Lt Col A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Hq AMC. On 23 October 1949 [redacted] sighted an unidentified flying object over Norwood, Ohio. Object was picked up in a searchlight beam. T/Sgt [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, operator of the searchlight, has picked up the object in the searchlight beam on seven separate occasions at three separate sites. Searchlight beam has always been vertical and sky conditions have been practically the same on each occasion. [redacted], Physics Department, University of Cincinnati, stated that he considers the object to be an atmospheric phenomenon.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Lt Colonel A. J. HEMSTREET, JR., Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio, in a Routing & Record Sheet, dated 5 December 1949, inclosing a copy of a letter from W[redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio to General VANDENBURG, Headquarters, USAF, dated 28 October 1949. [redacted] advised in this letter that on different occasions, while using an Army Surplus searchlight for advertising purposes, he had picked up an unidentified object in the beam of the light. The object was last picked up on 23 October 1949, at which time certain smaller objects were picked up in the light beam along with the original object.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

2. On 16 December 1949 Mr. [redacted], Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed [redacted] that on the evening of 23 October 1949 he and Technical Sergeant D[redacted] were operating a War Surplus 800,000,000 candle power searchlight at the Saints Peter and Paul Church, 2420 Drex Avenue, Norwood, Ohio for advertising purposes at approximately 1915 hours. The searchlight, when vertical, picked up what appeared to be a circular luminous object which occupied approximately 25% of the center of the beam. The object appeared to be beyond the tip of the beam. The object was kept in the searchlight from 1915 to 2245 hours. At approximately 2130 hours a string of small indefinite triangular objects appeared to emanate from the large object, dived down the searchlight beam towards the light, and then turned out of the beam towards the southeast and disappeared. [redacted] stated that the appearance and the descent of these objects was accompanied by a high pitched whistle or whine. He advised that there were two groups of objects. He estimated that there were twelve to fifteen objects and the size of these diving objects was approximately three times the size of a fighter aircraft. At the time of this occurrence [redacted] was studying the main object through a telescope. The telescope was a 20x prismatic telescope with a 40x eyepiece. He stated that he believed that he had a much better sight of the diving objects than anyone else present but that all in the crowd of some fifty people who were present saw the diving objects. He estimated the height of the main object at more than 35,000 feet. He further advised that at a previous sighting of the object at Milford, Ohio on 17 September 1949 he and [redacted]ad triangulated the height of the object by using the searchlight beam as 67 miles or better. This triangulation was crudely done and little attention was given to taking exact measurements. [redacted]lso was present at two later sightings of the object on 24 October 1949 and 19 November 1949. The object was picked up for approximately thirty minutes on 24 October 1949 and then was lost due to being covered by clouds. On 19 November 1949 [redacted]R attempted to take some pictures of the object but nothing appeared on the negatives.

In a second interview on 21 December 1949 [redacted]R stated that he and BERGER had operated the searchlight on the preceding evening, 20 December 1949,

[redacted]

and had picked the object up with the light at approximately 2015 hours. The object remained in the beam of light from 2015 to 2130 hours, at which time it disappeared for approximately ten minutes and then was picked up again in the same position. At approximately 2200 hours the object grew faint and then disappeared. It was not picked up again before 2230 hours when the searchlight was turned off. [redacted] is of the opinion that the object is a space ship from another planet. He advised that he has no other explanation for the object.

3. Mr. J. B. SCOTT, Official in Charge, Weather Bureau, Greater Cincinnati Airport, Covington, Kentucky, was contacted on 15 December 1949 and, after reviewing the weather files for 23 October 1949, stated that there had been a thin overcast at 15,000 to 16,000 feet and another thin overcast at 25,000 to 30,000 feet; visibility was better than 15 miles.

4. On 21 October 1949 the weather sequences for the preceding 24 hour period, 20 December 1949, were checked at the CAA Flight Advisory Service, Provident Bank Building, Cincinnati, Ohio and revealed that the Greater Cincinnati Airport Weather Station, which is located approximately 20 miles from Norwood, Ohio, reported a thin overcast at 30,000 feet and a visibility of better than 15 miles during the period from 1800 to 2400 hours. The report from Dayton, Ohio for the same period was a thin overcast at 25,000 feet with a thin layer of broken clouds from 12,000 to 15,000 feet. Visibility was reported at better than 15 miles. The following are the weather sequences for the period from 1930 to 2330 hours Eastern Standard Time as reported by the Weather Station at Greater Cincinnati Airport, Covington, Kentucky:

1930 - Estimated 30,000' thin overcast, visibility better than 15 miles, temperature 59°, dewpoint 50°.

2030 - Estimated 30,000' thin overcast, visibility better than 15 miles, temperature 59°, dewpoint 45°.

2130 - Estimated 30,000' thin broken clouds, visibility better than 15 miles, temperature 57°, dewpoint 42°.

2230 - 30,000' thin scattered clouds, visibility better than 15 miles, temperature 55°, dewpoint 43°.

2330 - Estimated 30,000' thin broken clouds, visibility better than 15 miles, temperature 55°, dewpoint 42°.

5. Technical Sergeant [redacted], Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed on 22 December 1949 and stated that he operates the War Surplus searchlight owned by the Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio.

[redacted] is assigned to the ROTC Unit at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. He stated that he has picked the Subject object up with a searchlight on seven separate occasions in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. He first sighted the object while operating the light at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio, on 19 August 1949; it was picked up at approximately 2015 hours and remained in the beam until 2300 hours. The object was a stationary luminous disc and [redacted] estimated the height of the object to be four to five miles. He advised that the sky at this time was clear with a thin layer of haze at a high altitude. The second sighting of the object was on 11 September 1949 at St. Gertrude's Church in Madeira, Ohio. The object was picked up at approximately 1915 hours at an altitude between 15 and 20,000 feet. The object disappeared within a few seconds and was not picked up again until 2115 hours. [redacted] advised that he telephoned the Operations Officer, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio immediately after sighting the object the second time. [redacted] advised that the sky was clear with no visible clouds or haze.

[redacted] further advised that the third sighting of the object was at Milford, Ohio on 17 September 1949. He turned the light on to test it at about dusk (1900 hours) and picked up the object, which looked like a white glow in the center of the beam. He then turned the light off and could see nothing. He did this several times, picking up the object each time. He turned the searchlight on as soon as it became dark and the object was in the beam and remained there for approximately one-half hour and then was covered by clouds.

The fourth sighting of the object was on 23 October 1949 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio. BERGER stated that he and [redacted] turned the light on at approximately 1915 hours and picked the object up immediately. They called Father [redacted] and the latter, upon seeing the object, telephoned Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, and reported it to the Intelligence Officer. [redacted] advised that at approximately 2200 hours two distinct groups of triangular shaped objects seemed to come out of the main disc, each disc consisting of approximately five objects. These triangular objects dived straight down the beam several thousand feet and then turned off the beam and disappeared. The same thing was repeated about one-half hour later. The disc was still visible when the light was turned off for the night at 2245 hours.

On 24 October 1949 the object was sighted for the fifth time at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio. Light was turned on at approximately 1915 hours and the object immediately appeared in the beam. The object remained in the beam for about one-half hour and then was covered by clouds.

The sixth sighting of the object occurred on 19 November 1949 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio. The light was turned on at approximately 1830 hours. At 1915 hours [redacted] saw the beam of light flash on the object. He put the light on the object and it immediately disappeared. About a minute later he picked the object up again. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was present at this sighting, and took some pictures of the object. The film, when developed,

[redacted]

failed to reveal anything.

The last sighting of the object was on 20 December 1949 at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio. [redacted] stated that he turned the light on at approximately 2015 hours and picked the object up immediately. At first, the object was very faint and appeared to be much smaller than usual. The object later became much brighter. At approximately 2130 the object appeared to get much brighter and spread out almost as large as the beam and then disappeared. In a few minutes the object was picked up again in the same position. At approximately 2200 hours the object became faint again and then disappeared.

[redacted] further advised that at all sightings of the object the beam of the searchlight had to be in a vertical position in order to pick up the object. When the beam of the searchlight was moved from the vertical, the object disappeared. [redacted] stated that when the beam was moved off the object, the object appeared to remain in the same position as a dim glow.

6. Dr. [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio [redacted] University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed on 22 December 1949 and he stated that he was present at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Norwood, Ohio, on the evening of 20 December 1949 when the object was sighted. Dr. [redacted] would make no statement as to the exact nature of what he saw but stated that in his opinion the object was due to an atmospheric phenomenon. He advised that in his opinion the appearance and disappearance of the object with movement of the beam was due to the refraction of the light beam by either haze or a lower layer of thin clouds. He stated that he believed the object itself to be the light of the beam striking a high layer of thin clouds. He stated that the fact that the object appeared to remain in the same place when the beam was moved off of it might be due to latent retinal image caused by staring at the spot for long periods of time. He reserved opinion on the reported diving objects due to the fact that he had not been present when the occurrence took place. He based his explanation of the nature of the object on the fact that the appearance and disappearance of the object on the night of 20 December 1949 coincided with the reported high cloud conditions from the Greater Cincinnati Airport Weather Bureau.

INCLOSURE:

EXHIBIT A - Copies of drawings made [redacted] at the sighting of the object on 23 October 1949.

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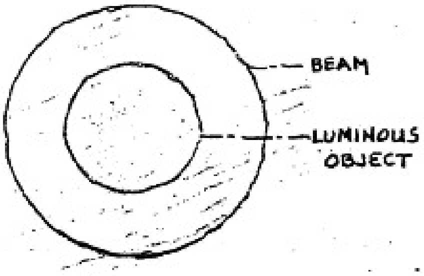
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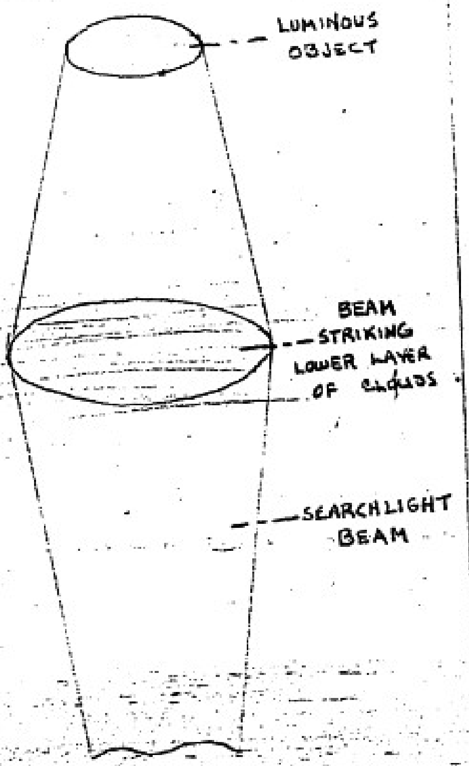
LUMINOUS OBJECT
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AS SEEN FROM A SHORT
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COPY OF DRAWINGS MADE BY
MR. [redacted] CINCINNATI OHIO
ON 23 OCTOBER 1949

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Wrtn 16 Mar 50

(Unclassified) Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object at Vandalia, Ohio, on 8 March 1950 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Attached for your information is copy of OSI report dated 10 March 1950, concerning captioned subject.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

10 March 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object at Vandalia, Ohio on 8 March 1950

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: At 0650 hours on 8 March 1950, Mr. [redacted] CA[redacted] operator at Dayton Municipal Airport, Vandalia, Ohio, sighted an unidentified aerial object on a bearing of 110° from the control tower, and approximately 30° above the horizon. Object remained in sight from 0650 hours until 1000 hours at which time, it was obscured by clouds. During the period that the object was in sight, it was seen by at least twenty-five (25) persons. An Air National Guard pilot, who took off in an F-51 at 0900 hours in pursuit of the object, indicated that he believed the object to be the planet, Venus.

2. DETAILS: Mr. [redacted] Chief Airport Traffic Controller, and Mr. [redacted] Officer in Charge of the Airport Weather Station, in an interview on 8 March 1950, stated that they had observed the object from 0700 hours until it was obscured by clouds at 1000 hours. At 1000 hours, when it became obscured, the object had moved to a point 160° from the control tower, and approximately 45° above the horizon. They described the object as circular in shape and appearing to reflect sunlight.

Lt Colonel DALE E. SHAFER, Jr., Executive Officer, 121st Fighter Group, Ohio National ~~Guard~~, Dayton Municipal Airport, Vandalia, Ohio, in an interview on 8 March 1950, stated that he had first sighted the object at 0800 hours on 8 March 1950. Lt Colonel SHAFER took off in an F-51 aircraft at 0900 ~~hours~~, and pursued the object for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. Lt Colonel SHAFER climbed to an altitude of 39,000 feet and proceeded to a point approximately 100 miles from Vandalia, Ohio, on a heading of 160°. At this point, the object appeared no nearer and had not changed in size or shape. Lt Colonel SHAFER was convinced that the object was the planet, Venus, which is the morning star at this time of year.

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Spot Intelligence Report
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Vandalia, Ohio on 8 March 1950

The control tower at Patterson Air Force Base was notified of the object at 0700 hours on 8 March 1950. The tower dispatched two F-80 aircraft to investigate, but they were unable to locate the object. Radar units alerted by Patterson tower were unable to locate the object also.

3. **ACTION:** No further investigation is contemplated in this case.

James F.X. O'Connell
JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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From: COMGENAMC Wright Patterson AFB Ohio

To : CS USAF Washington DC ATTN Dir of Spec Inv

Nr : AT 693 9 Mar 50

Spot report. Re AFCSI letter 85. Sighting of unidentified airborne object reported by CAA control tower at Dayton Airport, Vandalia, Ohio, from 0630-1000 hours, 8 March 1950. Pursuing Air National Guard pilot indicates object probably Venus. Object described as circular, reflecting light, at extreme altitude, 160 degrees from Vandalia, Ohio, 30 degrees to 45 degrees above horizon. Sighted by estimated 25 people. Letter spot report follows. No investigation in progress.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

X Courier Journal re. flying disk photo

5 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
Attn: Major Nold

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft (Unclassified)

1. At approximately 1300 hours on this date Lt Colonel O'Connell, District Commander, 5th OSI District, called the undersigned and stated that he had received a request from AMC to make certain inquires as indicated below. He said that General Cabell, Director of Intelligence, this headquarters, had called Colonel Watson at AMC with reference to an article which appeared in the Louisville, Kentucky "Courier Journal" concerning an individual who had taken moving pictures of a flying disk. Headquarters AMC told Colonel O'Connell that General Cabell had requested that action be taken to obtain the moving pictures and to interview the person who had taken them; further that inquiries in this matter should be made in such a manner as not to indicate Air Force interest.

2. Colonel O'Connell also stated that General Putt and Colonel Boushey, R&D Headquarters USAF, had made an independent request upon Headquarters AMC similar to the request by General Cabell.

3. Colonel O'Connell stated to the undersigned that he is reluctant to have one of his agents contact representatives of the Louisville, Kentucky "Courier Journal" and conduct the additional investigation indicated in this matter inasmuch as the identity of the agent as a representative of the Air Force must necessarily be disclosed and this would indicate the Air Force interest in this matter. Colonel O'Connell said that he feels the best procedure might be for him to contact theFBI locally and request that a representative of that agency conduct the necessary investigation, thereby precluding any indication of Air Force interest. However, Colonel O'Connell said that he would like to have the approval of the Director of Special Investigations before proceeding in this manner.

4. I discussed the above with Major Nold and he subsequently informed me that he had talked to a representative of the Office of the Director of Intelligence, this headquarters, and that this representative had stated that OSI should not directly or indirectly (through the FBI) attempt to obtain the information indicated above.

5. Inasmuch as this is a matter under the cognizance of the Counter-Intelligence Division it is herewith referred for further action as necessary, including furnishing telephonic advice to Colonel O'Connell, 5th OSI District. (For your information, I told Colonel O'Connell that in the future when he has any questions on matters in this field he should contact the Counter-Intelligence Division.)

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, General Investigations Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

5 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unconventional Aircraft

1. Reference is made to memorandum from Chief, General Investigations Division to this Division, concerning captioned subject, dated 5 July 1950.

2. Major Nold has contacted the Technical Capabilities Branch, AFCIN, who in turn discussed the request being made of DO #5 with Lt. Colonel Stattler, Acting Executive, AFOIN. Nothing was known about a recent personal request from General Cabell that action be taken to obtain the motion picture film through contact with the "Courier Journal", Louisville, Kentucky. Technical Capabilities Branch instructed Major Nold that they would take the responsibility for withdrawing any request made by that Directorate in view of their conviction that the film would not be likely to add anything new on this subject and could probably not be secured without compromising the Air Force interest.

3. Colonel Roth, Executive to General Putt was aware of a request to AMC which was based on the desire of Dr. Valley, Research & Development Board, to see such a film if one existed. The Directorate of Research and Development stresses that they would not desire that any interest in the film on the part of the Air Force be revealed to the "Courier Journal." Colonel Roth expressed a personal opinion that it would be nice if OSI could arrange to secure a copy of the film in some covert manner but if that was not feasible he would recontact Dr. Valley and recommend that if Dr. Valley still has an interest in seeing the film that he arrange to negotiate directly with the "Courier Journal."

4. Lt. Colonel O'Connell, District Commander, 5th OSI District, was contacted at approximately 1615 hours on this date and informed of the above. He proposes to inform Colonel Watson of AMC that OSI representatives could not hope to make inquiries in this matter without risking an indication of Air Force interest. Colonel O'Connell proposed further to determine if Colonel Watson desires to recontact his requestors (AFOIN and AFDRD) for further evaluation of the matter.

5. Colonel O'Connell will advise this headquarters of any further developments.

David B. Borden Jr.
DAVID B. BORDEN, JR.
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
Office of Special Investigations
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Attached for your information is a Report of Investigation concerning captioned Subject, dated 14 July 1950.

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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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Inclosures not retained for OSI file as they will be available in AFOIN where analysis of information will be made.
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Dayton, Ohio

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17 July 1950

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Cincinnati, Ohio

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXA

1. Reference is made to Comment Number 2, dated 29 June 1950, by the Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, your headquarters, to Routing and Record Sheet, dated 23 June 1950, from the Chief, Aircraft Laboratory, Engineering Division, also your headquarters, subject: "Report of Unusual Aircraft by Mr. [redacted]"

2. Attached for your information are two copies of the report of Special Agent HOMER PASLEY, of this office, dated 14 July 1950.

3. An attempt to contact Mr. [redacted] in Cincinnati, Ohio, revealed that he is presently in Warren, Minnesota.

4. This is an initial report and the investigation is continuing in this and other OSI Districts. Further reports will be forwarded upon completion of the investigation.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Colonel BRUNOW W. FEILING, Chief, Technical Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Air Material Command, in a Routing and Record Sheet, dated 29 June 1950, transmitting the following letter:

[redacted]
June 19, 1950

"Chief Of Aircraft Laboratory
Building 50
MCREXA
Wright Field, Ohio

"Dear Sir:

"I am anxious to know what this contraption is. It was found with its point buried in the hard ground in my home town some time ago.

"I have enclosed my return addressed envelope for an answer and the snap shots.

"Yours most sincerely,

/s/[redacted]

The snap shots referred to in the foregoing are attached to this report as Exhibits "A" through "D".

Colonel FEILING, in his request, stated that if OSI investigation indicates that the item is of any merit whatsoever, his office is desirous of getting the physical item for further analysis.

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

2. On 6 July 1950, an interview with Mr. J[redacted] Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, revealed that [redacted] enroute to 811 Minnesota Street, Warren, Minnesota, where he [redacted]his home for the summer. According to [redacted] employed as a teacher at the Walnut Hills High School and is thoroughly reliable.[redacted]further advised that [redacted]ides with him for approximately two weeks after school has been dismissed for the summer and for the same period before the beginning of the new school term. In conclusion, [redacted]dvised that [redacted] not the type of individual who dis-

cussed personal business and had, at no time, mentioned any unusual happenings at his home town of Warren, Minnesota.

INCLOSURES:

FOR CG, AMC; HQ OSI: and DO #24, CHICAGO, ILL.

Four photographs of unidentified object attached hereto as Exhibits "A" through "D".

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 24, 1660 E. HYDE PARK BLVD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AT WARREN, MINNESOTA

1. Will interview [redacted], [redacted], Warren, Minnesota and elicit his complete information relative the unidentified object shown in Exhibits "A" through "D".

2. Will make discreet inquiries relative to [redacted] reputation for character and credibility.

3. Will, if possible, secure the unidentified object and forward same to the 5th OSI District.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-40

DATE 1 August 1950

REPORT MADE BY ROGER A. WILLIAMS, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #24, 1660 E Hyde Pk Blvd, Chicago, Ill.

TITLE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Cincinnati, Ohio

PERIOD 27 July 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB

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REFERENCE Rpt of Inv by S/A HOMER PASLEY, DO #5, dtd 14 Jul 50, File: 5D 24-2100

SYNOPSIS

Chief of Police, Warren, Minnesota, stated [redacted] is of good character and reliable. [redacted]s family stated he left Warren on 24 July 1950 for Boston, Massachusetts, thence to Cincinnati, Ohio. He had been in Warren, Minnesota, prior to this visit only during Christmas holidays, 1949. Neither the family nor the chief of police had knowledge of any machine in possession of [redacted] similar to the unidentified aerial object.

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DETAILS:

AT WARREN, MINNESOTA

1. An interview with WILLIAM J. HENNESEY, Chief of Police, Warren, Minnesota, revealed information that [redacted] had spent little time in Warren during recent years. His visits have been principally for a short time during the summer and possibly at Christmas time. From his own knowledge of [redacted] and inquiry which he made for the reporting agent, the police chief stated that [redacted] is considered to be of very good character, sober, and quite religious by nature. The police chief had not heard of [redacted] or any other person in town (pop. 1639) being in possession of a machine in which they thought the Air Force would be interested.

2. An interview with Mrs. [redacted], mother of [redacted], and Mrs. [redacted] his sister, both of Warren, Minnesota, elicited the information that [redacted] had been in Warren about a week but had departed on 24 July 1950, for Boston, Massachusetts. He expected to meet his wife there and then go to Cincinnati, Ohio. [redacted] is expected to arrive in Cincinnati about 10 August 1950, and for a day or two may be located at his former address, [redacted]. Both women stated that they had no knowledge of [redacted] being in possession of a machine which he thought would interest the Air Force. They stated except for his short visit this summer, [redacted] had last visited Warren during the Christmas holidays in 1949.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will interview Mr. [redacted] upon his return to Cincinnati, Ohio, on approximately 10 August 1950, at 3847 Drake Drive, where he will be for approximately one or two days.

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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27 September 1950

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Cincinnati, Ohio

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXA

1. Reference is made to letter, this district, subject and file as above, dated 16 August 1950.

2. Attached for your information are copies of Report of Investigation conducted by Special Agent ROGER A. WILLIAMS, 24th OSI District (IG), Chicago, Illinois, dated 19 September 1950.

3. Your attention is invited to the fact that investigation proved that the aerial object was made from scrap items, consisting of an old washing machine cover, part of a radio set, and a used insecticide "bomb". Further that the object was disposed of in the city dump of Warren, Minnesota.

4. The files of this office are considered closed in this investigation.

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Cincinnati, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXA

1. Reference is made to our letter of 17 July 1950, subject and file as above.

2. Attached for your further information are two copies each of the following reports of investigation.

a. Report of Special Agent ROGER A. WILLIAMS, dated 1 August 1950, file 24-40. This report reveals that [redacted] returned to Cincinnati from Warren, Minnesota on 24 July 1950 and that, according to the Chief of Police of Warren, [redacted] is a reliable person of good character.

b. Report of Special Agent JAMES R. PAISLEY, of this office, dated 14 August 1950. This report reflects an interview with [redacted] which indicates that the person who found subject object is one [redacted] [redacted], of Warren, Minnesota. According to [redacted] still has the object which was found approximately two years ago.

3. This investigation is continuing and further reports will be submitted upon its completion.

JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 5D-24-2100

DATE 14 August 1950

REPORT MADE BY JAMES R. PAISLEY nlb.

REPORT MADE AT DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O.

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SYNOPSIS

Par 7, AFR 205-1, dated [illegible] the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

Mr. [redacted] stated that Subject object was found by Mr. [redacted] near Warren, Minnesota about two (2) years ago and that Mr. [redacted] still had the object in his possession in Warren in the summer of 1950. Informant described this object as a sort of miniture airplane, jet or rocket propelled, and containing a three (3) tube radio. He advised that to him the significant feature of this object was the fact that it appeared to have been made in a press rather than by hand, which indicated to him that it was a product of mass production.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
Cincinnati, Ohio

DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

On 11 August 1950, Mr. [redacted] Drive, was interviewed regarding the unidentified aerial object about which he wrote to the Air Force. He advised that Mr. [redacted], who operates a Service Station on the main highway in Warren, Minnesota, found this aerial object about two (2) years ago in the vicinity of Warren, Minnesota and informant photographed it just an hour or so after it was found. He stated that it contains a fuel tank, a three (3) tube radio, and dry cells and that the opening at the rear of it appeared to have vented hot gases, causing informant to believe that it had been jet or rocket propelled. He disclosed that it contained no directional steering and had been completely covered with aluminum paint. In examining this object, informant found nothing to indicate its place of manufacture. He further stated that he teaches Sheet Metal in the Walnut Hills High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and feels qualified to say that the main body of this object was made in a press rather than by hand, which indicated to him that it was a product of mass production. He further advised that during the summer of 1950 he talked with Mr. [redacted] who indicated that he still has the object in his possession in Warren, Minnesota. Informant explained his delay in contacting the Air Force by saying that it was many months after he made the pictures before someone suggested his writing to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 24, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AT WARREN, MINNESOTA

Will interview Mr. [redacted], Operator of a Service Station on a main highway in Warren, Minnesota and obtain from him the unidentified aerial object about which Mr. [redacted] wrote to the Air Force. Will forward this object to District Office No. 5, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-40 DATE 19 Sep 50 REPORT MADE BY ROGER A. WILLIAMS, S/A
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Rpt of Inv by JAMES R. PAISLEY, DO #5, dtd 14 Aug 50, File: 24-2100

SYNOPSIS

[redacted], Warren, Minnesota, finder of the "aerial object", stated it was only a hoax, made from such scrap items as an old washing machine cover, part of a radio set and a spent insecticide "bomb". [redacted] Warren, Minnesota, one of the makers of the "aerial object," confirmed [redacted] statement. The object, made about 2 years ago, was junked some time in the past.

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DETAILS:

AT WARREN, MINNESOTA

1. In an interview, [redacted] service station operator, said that he found the object, referred to in previous reports as "an unidentified aerial object", about 2 years ago. The object was found behind NISH'S TAVERN in Warren. The "machine" was obviously made from various objects, such as an old washing machine cover, part of a radio set chassis, and a spent insecticide "bomb". [redacted] said that at the time there was great talk of flying saucers throughout the country and as a joke the Warren newspaper even had on display various fanciful objects which were made by local youngsters. [redacted] intended to give the object he found to the newspaper for display also, but forgot about it and eventually had someone take it to the local dump with other items of junk. Before he did so, however, [redacted], who had once lived in Warren, saw the object and apparently believed it had some merit. [redacted] took photographs of the object with [redacted]olding it. [redacted] believed the object actually had been made by ART [redacted], local tinsmith.

2. [redacted]tinsmith, Warren, Minnesota, stated in an interview that he had not made the "aerial object" himself but had only "streaked" the "tail pipe" of the contraption with a welding torch, at the request of [redacted] manager of the local Coast to Coast hardware store. This was done to make it appear that hot gasses had been discharged from the pipe.

3. [redacted]was out of town on the day the agent visited Warren, but in an interview with [redacted], clerk at the Coast to Coast store, [redacted] said that [redacted], a radio repairman, and himself, had made the object as a joke about 2 years ago. In addition to the parts listed in the first paragraph, the makers also utilized part of a junked brooder stove and miscellaneous scrap.

AGENT'S NOTE: In view of the above information, no attempt was made to locate the "aerial object". According to [redacted], it would be almost impossible to do so in view of the large amount of junk at the city dump, which also is periodically covered over with earth by a bulldozer.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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7 May 1952

5D 24-0

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unusual Object in Sky
[illegible], Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
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TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: MCEP

1. On 29 April 1952, Special Agent GEORGE L. CAREY of this District Office, received a telephone call from Mr. [redacted] Laboratory, [redacted] Area "A", Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

2. [redacted] advised that he had been watching an unidentifiable object in the sky about 30° to the east of his residence near Beaver Creek School House, Route 35, Ohio. He watched the object with 8 x 30 binoculars and advised that it remained in one spot for approximately 45 minutes.

3. The object was described as having a brilliant red spot in the center. It glowed a brilliant red and then turned to a hazy blue.

4. The foregoing information is forwarded for your information and evaluation in accordance with Letter, Department of the Air Force, AFOIC-CC-1, dated 8 September 1950, and AFCSI Letter No. 85, Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, dated 23 October 1950.

5. It is suggested that Mr. [redacted] be contacted by your intelligence personnel for a detailed report.

6. No further action is contemplated by this office covering subject matter, unless otherwise requested by your office.

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District Commander

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Teletype - Louisville, Ky. (Came in yesterday afternoon)

Three (3) women saw strange objects floating in sky over Ashland, Kentucky at 8:50 P. M., May 25 for two or three minutes. Objects described as looking like large oysters with fish tails, flying low like a cloud and oval in shape. According to observes could have been balloons. Came in over Ashland, Kentucky from the north and went back in the opposite direction.

FOREGOING TELEPHONICALLY REPORTED
BY MR PHILCOX, FBI LIASON AGENT
ON 27 MAY 1952.

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NR : IC 641 9 Jun 52 [redacted]

Reference is made to Watch Committee Report No 95 dated 25 May 1952. Paragraph 1A2 of Analysis of Indications section of above report mentions the existence of photos of a new type aircraft taken at second sighting. Request copies of these photos be furnished priority with reference to AMC-4296-C.

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5D-24-21 3 July 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft
Near Owensboro, Kentucky, 23 June 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

HQ OSI

1. The following information pertaining to the above captioned subject is transmitted to your headquarters, as received by this office from the 5th District OSI, Louisville, Kentucky Detachment:

"On 27 June 1952, Captain JACK WEBB, 109th CIC Detachment Louisville, Kentucky, advised that Special Agent EDWARD J. LEATHEN, 109th CIC Detachment, interviewed on 26 June 1952, Mr. OREN LARRY DEPP, Contractor, Owensboro, Kentucky, concerning instant matter. DEPP is a former Major (Engineer Corps) and presently a Lt. Colonel in the Kentucky National Guard. DEPP stated that he saw ~~his first~~ 'flying saucers' on 23 June 1952 at approximately 1000 hours. The sighting took place 3 miles east of Owensboro on U.S. highway No. 60. DEPP was walking north when he heard a noise similar to a flight of aircraft at high altitude. Upon looking up and ahead of the noise, he saw two round objects resembling giant soap bubbles that reflected the sun in a yellow-lavendarish light. The objects were proceeding north, flying in trail (one behind the other) and passed out of sight in about five (5) seconds. DEPP estimated the objects were at 15 to 20 thousand feet altitude. The sighting took place on a very bright, clear day. DEPP added that he was accompanied by C. C. FRIAR, who saw only one of the objects. No further pertinent information was obtained from DEPP by Special Agent LEATHEN."

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2. No further action is contemplated by this office unless otherwise requested by your headquarters.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained herein has been derived from sources other than USAF. In accordance with Paragraph 8b; AFR 205-1, dissemination of the information contained herein must not be made outside of USAF channels.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
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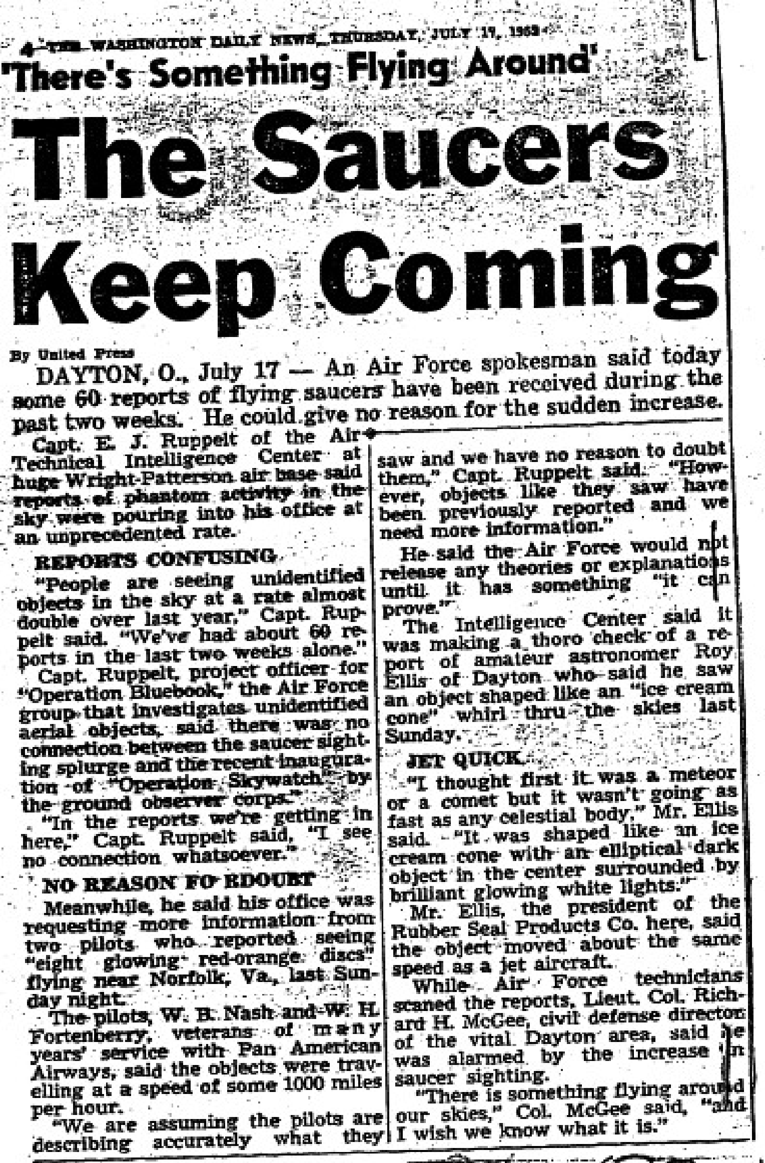
FLYING SAUCERS SIGHTED OVER DAYTON OHIO
Washington Daily News
17 July 52



4—THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1952

'There's Something Flying Around'

The Saucers Keep Coming

By United Press

DAYTON, O., July 17 — An Air Force spokesman said today some 60 reports of flying saucers have been received during the past two weeks. He could give no reason for the sudden increase.

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at huge Wright-Patterson air base said reports of phantom activity in the sky were pouring into his office at an unprecedented rate.

REPORTS CONFUSING

"People are seeing unidentified objects in the sky at a rate almost double over last year," Capt. Ruppelt said. "We've had about 60 reports in the last two weeks alone."

Capt. Ruppelt, project officer for "Operation Bluebook," the Air Force group that investigates unidentified aerial objects, said there was no connection between the saucer sighting splurge and the recent inauguration of "Operation Skywatch" by the ground observer corps."

"In the reports we're getting in here," Capt. Ruppelt said, "I see no connection whatsoever."

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Meanwhile, he said his office was requesting more information from two pilots who reported seeing "eight glowing red-orange discs" flying near Norfolk, Va., last Sunday night.

The pilots, W. B. Nash and W. H. Fortenberry, veterans of many years' service with Pan American Airways, said the objects were travelling at a speed of some 1000 miles per hour.

"We are assuming the pilots are describing accurately what they saw and we have no reason to doubt them," Capt. Ruppelt said. "However, objects like they saw have been previously reported and we need more information."

He said the Air Force would not release any theories or explanations until it has something "it can prove."

The Intelligence Center said it was making a thoro check of a report of amateur astronomer Roy Ellis of Dayton who said he saw an object shaped like an "ice cream cone" whirl thru the skies last Sunday.

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"I thought first it was a meteor or a comet but it wasn't going as fast as any celestial body," Mr. Ellis said. "It was shaped like an ice cream cone with an elliptical dark object in the center surrounded by brilliant glowing white lights."

Mr. Ellis, the president of the Rubber Seal Products Co. here, said the object moved about the same speed as a jet aircraft.

While Air Force technicians scaned the reports, Lieut. Col. Richard H. McGee, civil defense director of the vital Dayton area, said he was alarmed by the increase in saucer sighting.

"There is something flying around our skies," Col. McGee said, "and I wish we know what it is."

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
4TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

24-0-211

30 JUL 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Observed
Over Columbus, Ohio, on 27 July 1952
Capt. HAROLD B. KINISON, Observer
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

1. The following information is being furnished for the information of Headquarters OSI, and also for the information of District Office No. 5 because it concerns an incident which occurred within the jurisdictional confines of that office.

2. Captain HAROLD B. KINISON, AO-830671, 1100th Air Base Wing, Bolling Air Force Base, Ext. 247, reported that while flying a B-25 at 0005 hours on 27 July 1952 from Des Moines to Washington at an altitude of 7,800 feet, at a speed of 220 miles per hour, on a heading of ninety (90) degrees, and at a position ten (10) miles SSW of Columbus, Ohio, he observed a white light flying at the same altitude over Columbus. The light appeared to be stationary until he approached it and then the light appeared to climb as in a "chandelle". At the time the climb began, the light separated into two (2) lights of equal size and shape. The climb of the lights continued for only a period of from five (5) to ten (10) seconds and when it reached an altitude of 10,000 feet to 15,000 feet it leveled off. Then it started in a westerly direction at approximately 270 degrees, travelling at an estimated air speed of from 75 to 100 miles per hour.

3. When the object passed the B-25 in which Capt. KINISON was flying, the object appeared to have flashing lights, two (2) at the top and two (2) at the bottom, which blinked alternately. The captain believed that he saw one (1) green light but recalled that none of the lights were red. The lights were visible after the object passed the aircraft; thus, Capt. KINISON came to the conclusion that the lights were not landing lights of a conventional type aircraft.

4. Captain KINISON stated that he was and still is of the opinion that the object was an aircraft but he admitted that the facts which he presented did not support his opinion.

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Ltr, DO #4 OSI, BAFB, Wash, DC, to Dir of Sp Invest, Hq USAF, Wash, DC, File 24-0-211, dtd , Subj: Unidentified Flying Object Observed Over Columbus, Ohio, on 27 July 1952, Capt. HAROLD B. KINISON, Observer, SPECIAL INQUIRY

5. With Capt. KINISON in the B-25 were a Colonel WADMAN of the Pentagon, a Lt. Col. SHOCKLEY also of the Pentagon, another colonel whose name the captain did not recall, and the crew chief. All of these persons observed the lights in flight.

6. All of the officers aboard the B-25 were pilots, and Capt. KINISON has had over 3,000 hours flying time and has had six (6) years service as an Intelligence Officer.

Harold D. Collins
Lt Col USAF
for DONALD B. WHITE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: DO #5

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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5 August 1952

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object
Over Reading Road, Roselawn,
Cincinnati, Ohio, 25 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. The following information was received from the Cincinnati Detachment Commander, Cincinnati, Ohio, this District:

"On 31 July 1952, Mr. [redacted], 5th and Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, (Telephone: Parkway [redacted]), came to the OSI Detachment Office and reported that at approximately 1730 hours, 25 July 1952, he had seen an unidentified aerial object.

[redacted] described the object as circular in shape, no wing span, with a blue silver reflection. He estimated the object to have been approximately 50 feet in circumference at approximately 20,000 feet, and going at approximately 200 miles per hour.

"He saw this object while standing next to a car in the parking lot of the Valley Shopping Center, Reading Road, Roselawn, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was facing east and noticed said object directly overhead, traveling across Reading Road from northeast to southwest.

[redacted] on his way home from work and was a rider of Mr. [redacted], Walton, Kentucky, (Telephone [redacted]). Mr. [redacted] states that [redacted] and Mr [redacted] Covington, Kentucky, another rider, could not verify the object because they were in a bank across the street from the parked car, but could verify that [redacted] mentioned it upon their return.

"[redacted] further stated that Lt CLYDE FREY, Security Section, General Electric Company, Lockland, Ohio, and his wife, also mentioned seeing a similar object to him. No other information is known by [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

5 Aug 1952

"On 31 July 1952, Mr. [redacted], Forecaster, U. S. Weather Bureau, Federal Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, telephonically advised that on 25 July 1952 the weather condition was "clear" with a 15+ miles visibility.

"On 31 July 1952, Mr. [redacted] telephonically advised that [redacted] had been his rider on 25 July 1952, and that at approximately 1730 hours, 25 July 1952, upon [redacted] return to his parked car in the Valley Shopping Parking Lot, [redacted] mentioned that he had seen an object in the sky. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not see said object.

2. The foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate. No further investigative action is contemplated by the 5th OSI District.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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6 August 1952

5D 24-21

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena Over Lockbourne
Air Force Base, Ohio
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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATI

1. The following information was furnished this office by the 6th OSI District (IO), Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia:

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"Captain EUGENE E. McMANUS, AC-668608, 811th Oper-
ations Squadron, 811th Air Base Group, Turner AFB, Ga,
reported to this office on 24 July 1952 that on 23 July
1952, while resting and awaiting clearance from Lockbourne
AFB, Ohio to Turner AFB, Georgia, his attention was directed
by members of the Operations Office, Lockbourne AFB, to
aerial objects located in the vicinity of Lockbourne AFB
and Columbus, Ohio. Captain McMANUS stated that these
objects were easily visible to him, and that there were
four (4) in number. Capt McMANUS further stated that one
of the objects seemed to hover above the other three ob-
jects and was not visible at all times, being hidden by
the other three objects. Capt McMANUS stated that he
observed these objects for approximately 45 minutes and
described them as being round in shape and almost fluorescent
white in color. He added that he arranged himself so that
he could sight along the top of a telephone pole at the ob-
jects and that the objects did not seem to have any forward
motion, but seemed to be hovering in one particular area.
Capt McMANUS further stated that two F-84 aircraft were dis-
patched from Lockbourne AFB to try to observe and identify
these objects, and that upon the pilots' return to Operations,
they reported that they had obtained an altitude of 43,000
feet and were still unable to identify or approach these un-
identified objects. Capt McMANUS further added that weather
personnel from Lockbourne AFB set up an observer telescope,

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the type used in reading weather balloons, and that he, personally, observed these objects through this telescope. He continued that with the assistance of this telescope the objects still appeared round in shape and white in color. The only assistance the telescope gave was that the objects seemed to be much larger. Capt McMANUS further stated that it was reported to Lockbourne Operations while he was there, that an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio, through means of triangulation, had placed the height of these objects at 75,000 feet. Capt McMANUS stated that he did not see any vapor trails or any glow around the objects. When asked what he believed the objects to be, Capt McMANUS stated, 'I do not know. All I know is that they were round, white in color, and approximately six inches in diameter.'

"Captain McMANUS is a senior pilot in the United States Air Force, having approximately 2,200 flying time, and having served on active duty as a pilot for approximately ten (10) years. Captain McMANUS is described by his fellow officers as being quiet, very conscientious, and most reliable."

2. The foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate. No further investigative action is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in instant matter.

James H. Gunn
JAMES H. GUNN
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1 July 1952

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SUBJECT: ~~Sighting of Unidentified Object in Sky~~ NR
~~Near~~ Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
~~SPECIAL INQUIRY~~

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
4 DEC 1975
DATE

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. The following information is transmitted to your Headquarters for any action which may be deemed appropriate:

On 18 June 1952, Mr. [redacted], Dayton, Ohio, Phone No. [redacted], advised the Air Provost Marshal's Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, that he and his children observed what appeared to be a guided missile.

Mr. [redacted] stated at 8:59 P.M., 17 June 1952, he and his children noticed this object approaching from the southeast headed northwest, then curved east. The object was very high and in his opinion was not a jet aircraft. Mr. [redacted] further stated the object was noticed for approximately ten (10) to twelve (12) seconds and he heard a faint humming sound.

2. No further investigation of this matter is contemplated by this office, unless otherwise directed by your Headquarters.

3. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
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31 October 1952

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial
Phenomenon Sighted
Pittsburg, Kansas
25 August 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-5

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
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1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 23 October 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith are copies of Report of Investigation by Special Agent C. L. GRAYBILL, 13th OSI District, dated 27 October 1952, pertaining to the above captioned matter.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial
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Pittsburg, Kansas 24-185-5-21
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BY [illegible], Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1973

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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ATTN: ATIAA-5

1. Reference is made to Disposition Form, your office, dated 10 September 1952, Subject: Investigation of Source.

2. Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed appropriate, are two copies of Report of Investigation, of Special Agent ELMER T. LIAN, OSI District Office No. 13, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, dated 7 October 1952, File No. 24-132, subject as above.

3. Investigation is continuing in this and other OSI District Offices and subsequent reports will be forwarded your office upon receipt.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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23 October 1952

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SUBJECT: ~~Unidentified Aerial~~
~~Phenomenon Sighted~~
~~Pittsburg, Kansas~~
~~25 August 1952~~
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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 14 DEC 1975

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-5

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 22 October 1952, subject and file as above.

2. Transmitted herewith are copies of Report of Investigation, of Special Agent C. E. SWINEHART, this District Office, dated 23 October 1952, subject and file as above.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of this District Office.

4. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorised personnel.

D. G. NORTH
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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FILE NO. 5D-24-178

DATE 23 October 1952

REPORT MADE BY C. E. SWINEHART b1

REPORT MADE AT DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

PERIOD 22 October 1952

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Phenomenon Sighted
Pittsburg, Kansas
25 August 1952

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REFERENCE R/I, S/A ELMER T. LIAN, DO #13, dtd 7 Oct 52, File No. 24-132

SYNOPSIS

Par 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

Analysis of soil and vegetation samples determine no evidence of any radio activity, burning, or stress of any kind.

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5D-24-178
Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon

DETAILS:

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

1. On 22 October 1952, 2d Lt ROBERT M. OLSON, Aerial Phenomenon Section, Technical Analysis Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center, was interviewed and stated that the results of the analysis of the three (3) vegetation and soil samples monitored by the Technical Analysis Division, ATIC, determined no evidence of any radio activity, burning, or stress of any kind.

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30 June 1952

5D-24-21

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object in Sky
near Wright Air Development Center,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

HQ OSI

1. The following information is transmitted to your Headquarters for any action which may be deemed appropriate:

On 19 June 1952, Captain C. B. RUSSELL, AC-834026, Flight Safety Officer, Patterson Operations Building, Room 211, Phone 5-1209, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, advised that he received a telephone call on 18 June 1952, from [redacted], Civilian Employee, WADC (Wind Tunnel), [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] had sighted an unidentified object in the sky near WADC on 17 June 1952, between 1605 and 1610 hours. A transcription of the telephone conversation between Captain RUSSELL and [redacted] was obtained from Captain RUSSELL and is attached hereto as Inclosure No. 1.

Captain RUSSELL further stated that [redacted], Civilian Employee, WADC (Wind Tunnel), [redacted] and [redacted], telephonically advised he had witnessed an unidentified object in the sky over WADC, Area "B", 17 June 1952, between 1600 to 1615 hours and gave substantially the same information as [redacted]. Captain RUSSELL suggested that Colonel HAMM, WADC, Telephone 3-0113, be contacted to determine if his section had any strange objects in the air 17 June 1952, that would resemble a flying saucer or that would tend to create an illusion.

2. No further investigation of instant matter is contemplated by this office, unless otherwise directed by your Headquarters.

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SUBJ: Sighting of Unidentified Object in Sky
Near Wright Air Development Center,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

3. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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Transcript of phone
conversation

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District Commander

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5D-24-21

23 December 1952

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial
Object over Los Alamos, New Mexico
11 November 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Transmitted herewith is one copy of closed Report of Investigation by Special Agent ARTHUR W. WATTS, 17th OSI District (IG), Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, dated 11 December 1952, File 24-8-45, subject as above.

2. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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5D 24-21 NR

25 February 1953

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ALLEGEDLY PHOTOGRAPHED BY GEORGE ADAMSKI NR
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO:
Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Attached for your information and any action deemed appropriate are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent DONALD F. FARBSTEIN, 18th OSI District, file 24-204, dated 17 February 1953, subject as above.

2. Investigation was predicated on an anonymous telephone call on 12 January 1953, indicating that at [redacted]'s telephone number could be learned a matter of grave concern to the national security. [redacted]'s secretary indicated she had information which could only be related to OSI and the FBI.

3. An interview with [redacted] revealed he was interested in photographing and reporting on such phenomena as flying saucers and the space-men who fly on these space ships. [redacted] turned over alleged photographs of "flying saucers" and a message placed on one film pack by alleged "space men". Interview with [redacted] was conducted in coordination with the San Diego Office of the FBI, which office declined investigative jurisdiction. Secretary of the San Diego Astro Physical Society claims [redacted] is un[redacted].

4. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in this matter.

5. Attention is [illegible] to [illegible]aph 7, Air [illegible] Regulation 205, which prohibits the [illegible] information to unauthoriz[illegible] personnel.

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AIABB-Z 67135 1 May 1953

SUBJECT: Rumors Pertaining to Flying Saucers located on premises of Wright Patterson AFB.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Intelligence
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D.C.
Attention: Chief Security Division

1. Forwarded herewith is Summary of Information, received from the Columbus Regional Intelligence Officer, pertaining to flying saucers which are allegedly located on the premises of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

2. This information has been forwarded to the Office of Special Investigation by the Regional Intelligence Officer, Columbus Ohio.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G2:

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Lt. Colonel, GS
Dir, ZI Intel Div

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

(SR 380-320-10)

DATE 27 April 53

PREPARING OFFICE
Columbus Regional Office, 109th CIC Detachment, 320 Old Federal Bldg. Columbus, Ohio

SUBJECT
Rumors pertaining to flying saucers which are allegedly located on the premises of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

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OF SOURCE:		OF INFORMATION:	
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	1
USUALLY RELIABLE	B	PROBABLY TRUE	2
FAIRLY RELIABLE	C	POSSIBLY TRUE	3
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	D	DOUBTFULLY TRUE	4
UNRELIABLE	E	IMPROBABLE	5
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 25 April 1953, Ralph E. Brown, M/Sgt, RO 32037100, Hq Det 2306, ASU, Ohio Military District, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed in response to a telephone call from Capt Plandowski, S-2, Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. Brown related that at approximately 2200 hours on 24 April 1953, he met and engaged in a conversation with a [redacted]. The conversation with [redacted]ook place while Brown was waiting for a check to be cashed by the bartender, Dick Walker, of the Ionian Room in the Deshler-Walleck Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. [redacted] began the conversation by asking Brown casual questions such as where source is stationed. Brown stated that [redacted] then related the story to him that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB), Dayton, Ohio, has in its possession three flying saucers, two of which are in serviceable condition and one in a damaged condition. WPAFB also has the bodies of the men who were aboard the saucers. [redacted] stated that HE knew this to be true since he has seen them. Brown believed [redacted] said WPAFB was building a space ship, but he did not know if this space ship was a new one or a flying saucer being repaired. [redacted] stated that HE is connected with WPAFB, and therefore, ~~knew~~ there is not any question as to the validity of the statements concerning the saucers. [redacted] stated that the Air Force authorities are too perturbed about the topic and are not sure how to release the information to the public. The authorities are afraid of creating a general panic if the news is released to the newspapers. The authorities decided to release the information to the public by means of individuals going about and picking out persons whom they believed are intelligent enough to accept the story as true. [redacted] related that there is a group of people in Columbus, Ohio, who are planning what is to be done when the news of the saucers is made public. Brown's impression was that the group is small in number, perhaps four to eight members. [redacted] also stated there is a doctor in this group and HE gave the impression that the group is composed of prominent people in Columbus, Ohio. [redacted] intimated that the world situation is "so big" that by approximately June 1953, there would be a complete change in world affairs. The Korean war would be ended and there would no longer be any threat of a world war. [redacted] did not elaborate on this aforementioned world situation. Brown gathered the impression from [redacted] that because of the superior intelligence of these men from outer space that the world would unite itself against them. Brown requested that [redacted] introduce him to this group, but [redacted] stated that Brown would be contacted by the group soon since they knew how to get in touch with him. Brown gathered the impression that the group is to contact him shortly. [redacted] left the impression that the group would positively call on him. Brown related that he asked [redacted] whether the men from the saucers were interplanitary or stellar space travelers. [redacted] answered that they (it is not known whether they refers to the group ~~in Columbus, Ohio, or the~~ Air Force

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SUBJECT: Rumors pertaining to flying saucers which are allegedly located on the premises of WPAFB, dtd 27 Apr 53

authorities) are not sure where the "saucer men" originated their travel. When asked if the "saucer men" came from beyond Pluto, [redacted] began to discuss the facts concerning Pluto. HE related that Pluto is the farthest planet from earth and was the last planet to be discovered. Brown related that [redacted] talked as though he were well-versed on the topic of flying saucers. [redacted] quoted speeds at which saucers have flown, altitudes they have attained, and about the abrupt changes in direction which saucers are capable of making. Brown believed that most of the information [redacted] gave concerning speeds, altitudes, and changes in direction [redacted] may have gathered from newspaper accounts of flying saucers, or HE may have gathered the information through official research with the Air Force. [redacted] acted as though it was HIS job to be well-versed on the topic. Brown stated that [redacted] was evasive when questioned for details concerning the saucers. [redacted] stated that Brown would be told more information when the proper time came. HE was very convincing in HIS manner of conversation. Brown stated that [redacted] had no objection to his writing [redacted]'s name on a piece of paper. Brown gave the following description of [redacted]

Age: 30 to 35
Weight: 170 to 175
Height: 5'11"to 6'1"
General Description: [redacted] is a slender, well-built individual with a long oval face. [redacted] has straight brown hair which HE parts on the side. When [redacted] smiles HIS teeth are very prominent and HIS upper teeth are very even. [redacted] has a fair complexion. [redacted] was dressed very neatly in a tan gaberdine suit and a light gray or tan top coat.

Brown stated that [redacted] left the Ionian Room abruptly and was not under the influence of alcohol. [redacted] also refused a drink which Brown attempted to purchase of HIM. After [redacted] departed Brown asked the bartender, [redacted], if he knew [redacted]. [redacted] related that he knew [redacted] and considered HIM a "d[redacted]. Brown believed that [redacted] must come into the Ionian Room often since [redacted] knew HIM. Brown stated that he waited for what he considered a reasonable amount of time and then attempted to follow [redacted]. Brown again met [redacted] in the washroom of the Deshler-Walleck Hotel, but lost HIM after [redacted] departed from the washroom. (F-6)

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

5D 24-21-119 — 20 August 1953

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ALLEGEDLY
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SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 25 February 1953, file 5D 24-21, subject as above.

2. Attached for your information is copy of letter from 4th OSI District, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., dated 14 August 1953, addressed to Director, Special Investigations, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C., Subject: "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft (Space Scout Ship) - SPECIAL INQUIRY, (with photograph), which is self-explanatory.

3. Your attention is invited to the fact that the photograph inclosed with attached letter was previously furnished your headquarters as one of several inclosures to the report of investigation by Special Agent DONALD F. FARBSTEIN, 18th OSI District, file 24-204, dated 17 February 1953, subject as above. The report of S/A FARBSTEIN was forwarded to your headquarters by above referenced letter.

4. Your attention is further invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1A which prohibit the release of classified information to unauthorized persons, and to the fact that information contained herein has been derived from sources other than USAF; therefore, in accordance with par 8b, AFR 205-1, dissemination of such information must not be made outside of USAF channels.

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dtd 14 Aug 53 w/photo

GEORGE T. KOCH, JR
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From 5th District OSI
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5D 24-21-129

9 December 1953

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTEDLY
SIGHTED NEAR WOOD COUNTY AIRPORT, OHIO
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

CC: Dir. OSI

1. The following is forwarded for your information:

On 20 November 1953 [redacted] Drive, Marietta, Ohio, Telephone: [redacted] Bank, Marietta, Ohio, Telephone: [redacted] advised that at approximately 0830 hours, 20 November 1953, he, accompanied by his brother, [redacted] Seventh Street, Evansville, Indiana, and [redacted], Street address unknown, Detroit, Michigan, were driving west on US Route Alternate 50, and at a point approximately ten (10) miles west of Marietta, fairly close to the Wood County Airport, when they noticed a luminous object, directly south of their position, moving slowly from east to west at approximately a 1500 foot lateral distance and an altitude of approximately eight (8) to ten (10) thousand feet. Suddenly the object made approximately a thirty degree lateral angle southward and then accelerated rapidly out of sight. All three (3) persons observed the object's flight; but because of its luminous surface and distance of observation, it was difficult to ascertain its shape or size. All were of the opinion that it was not a conventional aircraft.

[redacted] stated he had reported the incident to Mr. [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation Resident Agent, Marietta, Ohio, who advised that the United States Air Force was collecting information on "flying saucers" and recommended that he contact the Office of Special Investigations.

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5D 24-21-129

9 December 1953

SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTEDLY SIGHTED NEAR WOOD COUNTY AIRPORT, OHIO

2. The above information was verbally coordinated with Major NORMAN A. KRIEHN, Deputy Director of Operations, 801st Air Division, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio, at which time KRIEHN advised the information available from Mr. [redacted] did not appear to him (KRIEHN) to be sufficient to warrant further inquiry or further action.

3. No further investigative action is contemplated by this office in instant matter.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir.-OSI

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Ohio

19 January 1954

5D 24-21-131

SUBJECT: ~~UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS~~
~~OVER IDLEWILD AIRPORT~~
~~ON 2 NOVEMBER 1953~~
~~SPECIAL INQUIRY~~

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Attached for your information is one (1) copy of report of investigation by Special Agent FREDERICK H. DUEBLS, 2d OSI District, file 24-366, dated 12 January 1954, subject as above.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed.

3. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit release of classified information to unauthorized persons.

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ROI, DO #2, dtd 12 Jan 54

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Major, USAF
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19 February 1954

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted
by Mrs. HELEN MARIE DAILY, 620 North
Santo Oro Street, Puente, California,
1015 hours, 1 February 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith are two (2) copies of report of investigation, of Special Agent LeROY F. BETZ, 18th OSI District, Haywood, California, file 24-230, dated 11 February 1954, subject as above.

2. Investigation was requested by the 18th OSI District upon receipt of information that a [redacted] had reported the sighting of an unknown object above Puente, California.

3. Investigation is considered closed in the files of the Office of Special Investigations.

4. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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5D 24-21-119

22 April 1954

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT ALLEGEDLY
PHOTOGRAPHED BY [redacted]SKI
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-5-27

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Reference is made to our letter of 20 August 1953, concerning subject matter.

2. Attached herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of a letter describing a book written by DESMOND LESLIE and C[redacted]I, entitled, "Flying Saucers Have Landed".

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 5f, AFR 205-1, dated 24 July 1953, which states that classified security information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of Defense without prior consent of the originating agency.

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9 Mar 54, to FBI

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5D 24-21-140

18 June 1954

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Cleveland, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. At approximately 0915 hours, 11 June 1954, this District Office was advised by Special Agent DONALD G. MAY, Detachment Commander, Cleveland Detachment, 5th District Office of Special Investigations, Cleveland, Ohio, that at 0900 hours, 11 June 1954, he received a telephone call from a Mr. [redacted], who stated that on or about 2150 hours, 10 June 1954, while sitting in his back yard, he sighted an object in the air approaching from the northwest. According to [redacted] the object sighted appeared to be pulsating and glowing-red in color, with the speed of a piper cub (approximately 80-85 miles per hour). [redacted] stated the altitude of the object was just about cloud level, and that it was within view for approximately one (1) to one and one-half (1 1/2) minutes, after which it disappeared towards the southeast. [redacted] further stated that the object sighted appeared to be rotating, but had no definite shape.

2. [redacted] informed Mr. [redacted] that his wife was present during this entire period of time and that following the sighting of this object he discussed the matter with a neighbor across the street from his home. [redacted] did not recall the name of this neighbor, but stated that the neighbor informed him that he had likewise seen the object in question, and described it as stated above.

3. Mr. [redacted] further advised that Miss [redacted], his secretary, who lives in the vicinity of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had also sighted the object at approximately 2150 hours, 10 June 1954, and furnished substantially the same description as stated above.

cc: Dir OSI

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SUBJ: Sighting of Unidentified Flying
Object at Cleveland, Ohio

13 June 1954

4. The foregoing is furnished for your information. No further inquiry concerning this matter is contemplated by this District unless specifically requested by your office.

5. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
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5D-24-21-144

25 June 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted Over Texas Christian
University, Fort Worth, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of a letter, dated 30 April 1954, from the 23rd OSI District, Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas, concerning subject matter. The above letter was furnished this office by the Directorate of Special Investigations, Washington, D. C.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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5D 24-21-146

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object on 18 May 1954 over Oceanside, California
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 10 June 1954, from the 18th OSI District, Cheli Air Force Depot, Maywood, California.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

7 July 1954

5D-24-21-147

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted at
Indialantic, Florida, Patrick AFB, Florida,
and Vero Beach, Florida
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of a letter, dated 23 June 1954, from the 7th OSI District, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Historian
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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

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26 July 1954

5D 24-21-148

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted at Cleveland, Ohio
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
4 DEC 1975
DATE

TO: Commander
Air Technical Ingelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. The following, received from the Cleveland, Ohio Detachment of this District Office, is forwarded for your information:

On 28 June 1954, [redacted]
Cleveland, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Cleveland
Detachment office of this District relative to sighting
an unknown flying object. Upon personal interview by
Special Agent JOSEPH REGGINELLO on the same date, [redacted]
advised that at approximately 0520 hours, 22 June 1954,
he was standing on the corner of [redacted] the skies
facing North, when he saw an obj
"with the speed of wind". The object came within 200 to
300 feet of the house tops, veered suddenly and went up
and out of sight again.

[redacted] described the object as follows:

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Shaped like a cigar or dirigible, pointed at both ends.
Gray in color (possibly bluish due to early dawn).
The size of two (2) houses combined.
Not spinning, seemed to be going like an aircraft.
Emitted the odor of burning sulphur.
Came and went in a matter of seconds.

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2. No further investigative action is contemplated by this office in instant matter, unless specifically requested by your Command.

GEORGE T. KOCH, JR.
Major, USAF
District Commander

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5D 24-21-150

17 August 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted at Route No. 1,
Milford, Ohio, on 23 July 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. The following, received from the Cincinnati Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 6 August 1954, is forwarded for your information:

On 23 July 1954, Mr. [redacted], Route 1, Milford, Ohio, advised Colonel [redacted] Deputy Director of Civilian Defense for Greater Cincinnati and Hamilton County, that both he and his wife had observed a silver circular or spherical shape in the sky, approximately forty-five (45) degrees above the horizon. [redacted] advised that the object was sighted at approximately 1440 hours, 23 July 1954, to the southeast of their residence.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated by this office in instant matter, unless specifically requested by your Command.

3. Your attention is invited to paragraph 5f, AFR 205-1, dated 24 July 1953, which states that classified security information originating in an agency outside the Department of Defense will not be disseminated outside the Department of Defense without prior consent of the originating agency.

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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Ohio

25 August 1954

5D 24-21-151

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighting at Westlake, Ohio
on 2 August 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
4 DEC 1975
DATE

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. The following, received from the Cleveland Detachment of this District Office, is forwarded for your information:

On 5 August 1954, Mr. [redacted] (Assistant Purchasing Agent, Metal
Ro[redacted] Avon Lake, Ohio, [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio)
Equipment Co., [redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent HENRY J. FISHER that he
had sighted an object in the sky on 2 August 1954.

On 5 August 1954, Special Agent FISHER interviewed Mr.
[redacted] at his residence. [redacted] advised that he
sighted an object in the sky at 1717 hours, 2 August 1954,
which appeared to be southwest of Lorain, Ohio. At the
point of sight, [redacted] advised that he was at the in-
tersection of State Route 254 and Dover Center Road, West-
lake, Ohio. The object appeared to be the size of approxi-
mately fifty (50) seconds of an arc in diameter or about the
size of a shirt button. [redacted] stated that the shape of
the object was somewhat elliptical and appeared to be very
bright, like highly polished metal. There was no evidence
of chromatic dispersions and the object was very clear in
appearance, with no distortion. [redacted] stated that the
object was at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet and
seemed to be hovering. He stated that he saw the object
in this position for five (5) to eight (8) seconds, when
it suddenly dropped vertically and came to an abrupt halt
at approximately 2,000 feet. [redacted] advised that the
descent took approximately three (3) seconds. The object
remained in its new position for ten (10) seconds and then
disappeared. [redacted] advised that the object faded out
of sight and likened its disappearance to a TV set being
turned off.

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5D 24-21-151 25 August 1954
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

[redacted] related that the object, when sighted, appeared to be six (6) miles from his position, and stated that when the object dropped, it appeared to be a free fall rather than an accelerated drop. When the object dropped, it appeared to change as though it had its thin side toward [redacted] stated that the object had no noticeable surface characteristics, and that its descent to 2,000 feet was a definite action and not a floating or wobbling motion. [redacted] likened the speed of the object to that of a ME 109 fighter plane approaching head-on to a B-17 in flight, magnified three (3) times, or approximately 1,000 to 1,200 miles per hour.

[redacted] advised that the day was relatively clear, with no cloud formations in the northerly direction but with some cloud formations to the south and southeast. The object's location from [redacted]s point of vision was at a heading of 260 degrees.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he has never sighted any object in the sky that he could not satisfy himself with its identity. He stated that he is an amateur astronomer and is a member of the Cleveland Astronomical Society. He advised that he believes he has knowledge of what heavenly phenomena are and that this, in his opinion, was not connected with any heavenly phenomena.

[redacted] advised that he was a member of the Air Force from November 1942 to November 1944; that he flew as a gunner on a B-17 aircraft for eighteen (18) months, completing nineteen (19) missions over Germany; that he had never been injured as a crew member and has never experienced fatigue in any way; and that he has had at least four (4) or five (5) courses in aircraft identification.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated by this District Office in instant matter, unless specifically requested by your Command.

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ROBERTS R. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

5D 24-21-159

6 December 1954

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted in Vicinity of Egilsstadir,
Iceland, on 24 August 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV
BY [illegible], Capt, USAF
Historian
4 DEC [illegible]
DATE

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of Office of Naval Intelligence Information Report, dated 13 October 1954, without inclosures, concerning subject matter.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that the information contained herein has been derived from sources other than the Department of the Air Force. Dissemination of the information contained herein will not be made outside Department of the Air Force channels without prior approval of the Office of Special Investigations, IG.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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INFORMATION
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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5D 24-21-161 NR NR 27 December 1954

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT;
Sighted by Mrs. HELEN KUNKUM,
2302 Saratoga Ave., Cleveland, O.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 14 DEC 1973

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. The following is submitted for your information:

On 20 December 1954, Mr. [redacted], Assistant Chief, Air Route Traffic Control, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Cleveland Hopkins Municipal Airport, Cleveland, Ohio, advised an agent of this District Office that Mr. [redacted], Senior Air Route Traffic Controller, had received a telephone call at 1335 hours on 19 December 1954; report of phone call reads verbatim as follows:

"Outside telephone call from a Mrs. [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted] gave us the inside story on men from out of space. She said she had just received a third call on her telephone from these people and they advised her that they were 25,000 miles out and were preparing to land on earth and that they would contact her when they arrived. She was very nice to them and said she suggested that they get in contact with us. I told her that we would be very glad to take care of them. Two nights ago they called her and at that time they were 45,000 miles out from earth. Last night they called her and said they were 35,000 miles out and after today's conversation she is convinced that they are going to land."

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2. No further investigation is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter unless specifically requested by your Command.

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3. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-5 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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cc: Dir OSI

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

12 September 1956

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D-24-21-180

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Report of Unidentified Flying Object as seen by
[redacted], Civilian, [redacted]
Parma Heights, Ohio, on 4 September 1956, in the
Vicinity of Doxmere and Snow Roads, Parma Heights,
Ohio, Approximately Four (4) Miles East of Cleveland
Hopkins Airport

TO:
Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 4 September 1956, at approximately 2200 hours, [redacted], reported seeing an unidentified flying object while observing stars from his home at [redacted], Parma Heights, Ohio. Object, according to [redacted] was star shaped, blinked off and on in several colors, and remained stationary in sky for entire five (5) minutes it was under observation.

2. DETAILS: On 5 September 1956, [redacted] Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, voluntarily came to the office of the 5th OSI District (IG) Detachment, [redacted], Cleveland, 14, Ohio, and reported the following information concerning unidentified flying object in conformance with Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954:

a. Description of the object:

(1) Shape: That of a star.
(2) Size: That of a star.
(3) Color: Glowed in yellow, green, blue, orange and red.
(4) Number: One.
(5) Formation: Only one (1) sighted.
(6) Discernible features or details: Blinked off and on and brightness comparable to surrounding stars.
(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None discernible.

b. Description of course of object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer to the object: [redacted] stated that because of his interest in unidentified flying objects he was looking at the stars.

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(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed: Elevation thirty (30) degrees; azimuth due West.

(3) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: [redacted] stated that he only viewed the unidentified flying object for approximately five (5) minutes and that there was no apparent movement of the unidentified flying object.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: [redacted] stated there was no apparent movement.

(5) Manner of disappearance of object: Unidentified flying object did not disappear during the five (5) minutes he viewed it.

(6) Length of time in sight: Five (5) minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual.
(2) Optical aids: None.
(3) Airborne Sighting: No.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 2200 hours, 4 September 1956.
(2) Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of observer: Corner of Doxmere and Snow Roads, Parma Heights, Ohio. Approximately four (4) miles East of Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

f. Identifying information of observer: Civilian [redacted] [redacted], age twenty-one (21) years, 11215 Snow Road, Parma Heights, Ohio, employed as Stock Clerk, telephone number TUxedo 4-2568.

g. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings: Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear sky and no wing.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meterological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting [redacted] could offer none.

i. Interception or identification action: Not applicable.

j. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting: None.

k. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting: Not applicable.

1. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs: None.

3. [redacted] stated that on 4 September 1956, at 2245 hours, [redacted] [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, called him [redacted] and reported the following to [redacted] Approximately 2215 hours, 4 September 1956, [redacted] had sighted two (2) lights flying together at 800 to 900 MPH and that they were white in color. [redacted] further stated that these lights were 100 to 200 feet apart, the size of a star, circular in shape and made no sound and that the unidentified flying objects were flying East. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had related to him ([redacted]) that he had seen these unidentified flying objects from the front porch of his home at 11526 Woodland Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. [redacted] further related that [redacted] stated that at 2235 hours, 4 September 1956, that he sighted an unidentified flying object about three-quarters of the size of Mars, circular in shape, with a blinking red glow, traveling East at an estimated 900 MPH and that there was no sound. [redacted] related that [redacted] stated it could possibly be a jet aircraft.

4. [redacted] stated that at 2305 hours, 4 September 1956, [redacted] called again and stated he saw two (2) unidentified flying objects coming from Southwest (no further detail). [redacted] stated that he went out side but could not see these objects. [redacted] further stated that the object that he ([redacted]) had seen at 2200 hours had disappeared from the West and that it was now Northeast of his location and that it was moving back and forth. [redacted] did not recall any further details.

5. [redacted] stated that he has had an interest in unidentified flying objects for approximately three (3) years and that he has read the following books on the subject of unidentified flying objects:

"Flying Saucers On Attack" by [redacted]
"Report On UFO" by Captain [redacted]
"Flying Saucers From Mars" by [redacted]
"Flying Caucer Conspiracy" by Major DONALD KEYHOE, USMCR

In addition, [redacted] stated that he has read articles in the following magazines "The Little Listing Post" published in Washington, D. C., "Saucerian" by [redacted], formerly with the International Flying Saucer Bureau of Bridgeport, Connecticut. [redacted] added that [redacted] was formerly director of the International Flying Saucer Bureau.

6. [redacted] stated that in a letter-to-the-editor, which appeared in the Cleveland Press on 21 August 1956, he solicited others who were interested in unidentified flying objects to form a club. [redacted] further stated that this club which is known as the Northern Ohio UFO Research Council has had one (1) meeting at which approximately fifteen (15) persons were present. [redacted] stated that during this first meeting the discussion centered around explanation for the sighting of unidentified flying objects. [redacted] stated that

he is the self appointed president of this organization and that a [redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, is Chief Investigator. [redacted] stated that he could not recall the names of the others present at the meeting which took place at his home on 22 August 1956, but that he had a list of them at home. [redacted] stated that he had received approximately fifty (50) telephone calls and letters in answer to his letter to the editor. BITTEL stated that the purpose of this organization is to discuss unidentified flying objects and to interview persons who have sighted unidentified flying objects. In connection with this [redacted] stated that on 4 September 1956 he had interviewed a Mrs. [redacted] Cleveland Heights, Ohio, telephone number [redacted] regarding an unidentified flying object she sighted. [redacted] stated that Mrs. [redacted] had related to him [redacted] that between 0400 and 0430 on 28 July 1956 she sighted a spherical object of redish white color, "hovering up and down" beside the moon, and that there was no sound. [redacted] had no further information regarding Mrs. [redacted] sighting. [redacted] stated that he had approximately twenty (20) or thirty (30) reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects. [redacted] further stated that the sighting on 4 September 1956 was the first time he has ever seen an unidentified flying object.

7. [redacted] stated that his only formal education was high school. [redacted] stated that he had seen the motion picture "Unidentified Flying Object" in May or June of 1956 at the Stillman Theater, fifteen (15) or sixteen (16) times. [redacted] stated that he lives with his mother and step-father, [redacted] (he was not sure of the spelling of his step-father's last name although his mother has been married to the step-father for three (3) years.)

8. [redacted] stated that he has been employed as a Stock Clerk since getting out of high school. [redacted] stated that he has been employed at [redacted]'s and was to start a job today (5 September 1956) at [redacted] and Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

9. ACTION: No other similar reports relative to this matter are received. No further action is contemplated relative to the report received.

10. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

Kenneth N. Whitehous
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
Wm C. HINES
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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INFORMATION COPY
From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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5D-24-21-180 13 September 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Report of Unidentified Flying Object as seen by [redacted]L., Civilian, [redacted], Parma Heights, Ohio, on 4 September 1956, in the Vicinity of Doxmere and Snow Roads, Parma Heights, Ohio, Approximately Four (4) Miles East of Cleveland Hopkins Airport

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOIN4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 12 September 1956, by this District Office, subject and file as above.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

Kenneth N. Whitehouse
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF Capt USAF
Wm G. HINES
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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INFORMATION COPY
From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

5D-24-21-193

5 January 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object - Newark, Ohio

TO: Commander
Lockbourne Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Reference is made to conversation on 1 December 1958, between Lt Colonel V. B. SCHOENFELDT, Deputy Base Commander, and Special Agent GEORGE B. MARKHAM, Detachment Commander, Detachment 503, 5th OSI District (IG), at which time Lt Colonel SCHOENFELDT was advised of the following.

2. On 14 November 1958, Special Agent CHARLES E. CHAPMAN, Cincinnati, Ohio Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, contacted Special Agent THOMAS E. REEVES, Detachment Commander, Detachment 501 of this District Office, and advised that Mr. THOMAS E. SOUTHARD, Superintendent of Schools, Newark, Ohio, had telephonically contacted him and advised substantially as follows:

> A student of the Lincoln School at Newark had taken three (3) photographs of an unidentified flying object (UFO) while engaged in a school science project. SOUTHARD said that he did not believe in flying saucers but he believed that the proper authorities should examine the above referenced photographs before the above information was released to the newspapers.

3. On 21 November 1958, Mr. SOUTHARD was interviewed by Special Agent CLARENCE A. WILSON, Detachment 503, 5th OSI District (IG), and advised that [redacted], age thirteen (13), [redacted], Newark, Ohio, a [redacted] the Lincoln School in Newark, had observed and taken pictures of UFO between the hours of 0030 and 0200, on 16 October 1958. [redacted] further advised that several members of the Lincoln School faculty had also reported seeing the UFO on the above date. Mr. SOUTHARD furnished the interviewing agent with three (3) negatives of the photographs taken by [redacted]. These negatives were processed by the Lockbourne Air Force Base Photograph Laboratory on 21 November 1958, and copies of the prints obtained therefrom are attached as an inclosure.

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4. [redacted] was interviewed at the Lincoln School, Newark, Ohio, on 26 November 1958, by Special Agent WILSON, and advised as follows:

On the night of 16 October 1958, at approximately 0215 to 0245 hours, while using a toy telescope to observe the stars through a bedroom window, he observed a bright object moving in an easterly direction across the sky to the east of Newark, Ohio. He described the object as square in shape with rounded corners, but he was unable to describe its size in relation to any known object. The object left no visible trail or audible sound. After observing the object for approximately one minute, he placed the telescope against the lens of a Brownie Hawkeye camera and took five (5) exposures of the object through the pane in the window of his bedroom. [redacted] could not identify the type and size of film used in the camera and stated that the exposures were made without using flash equipment. He estimated that the object remained in view for approximately two or three minutes before disappearing. According to [redacted], visibility conditions were good during the sighting, however, he could not fully describe the object due to the fact that he had become very excited upon seeing the object and was anxious to obtain pictures for his science class. He added that a total of three (3) pictures of the object were obtained from the five (5) exposures taken by him, and that he later reported the incident to his science instructor, at which time he released the negatives to his instructor.

5. On 26 November 1958, Mr. NEIL SPEARMAN, Principal of the Lincoln School, was interviewed and advised Special Agent WILSON that he and two (2) other members of the school faculty had also observed a UFO moving due east of Newark between 0001 to 0030 hours, on 16 October 1958. He described this object, which he did not believe to be an aircraft, as being very large in size. He added that the object glowed brightly, changed from green to pale orange in color, and was traveling at a high rate of speed.

6. On 26 November 1958, IVAN R. MC CULLOUGH, T/Sgt, Photograph Technician, 801st Operations Squadron, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, examined copies of the attached photographs and described the object visible thereon as being the reflection of an electric light bulb which was reflected from the window into the lensof the camera causing a double exposure to appear on the film. He stated that reflections of this type frequently appear in film exposed in inexpensive cameras when flash equipment is not used.

7. No further inquiry in this matter is contemplated by the 5th OSI District.

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Edmund C. Slaney Major, USAF
For DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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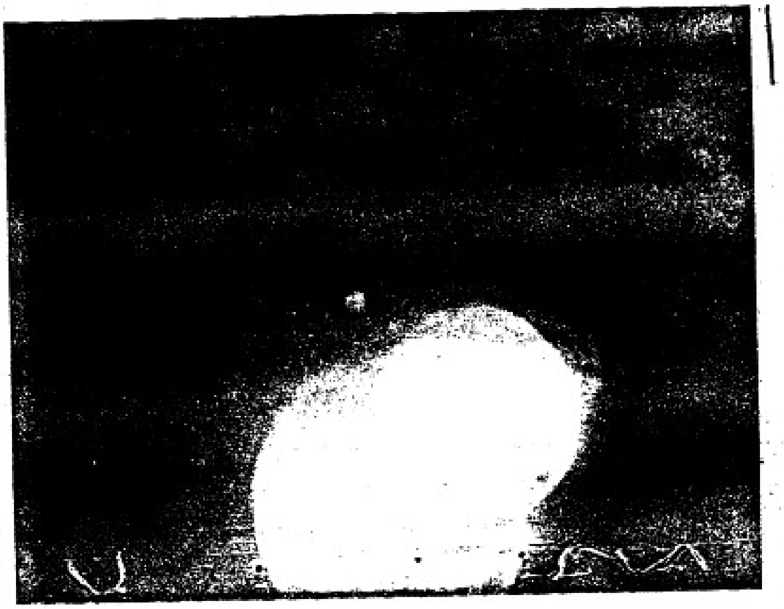

PHOTOGRAPH OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT TAKEN
BY [redacted], NEWARK, OHIO on 16 Oct 58

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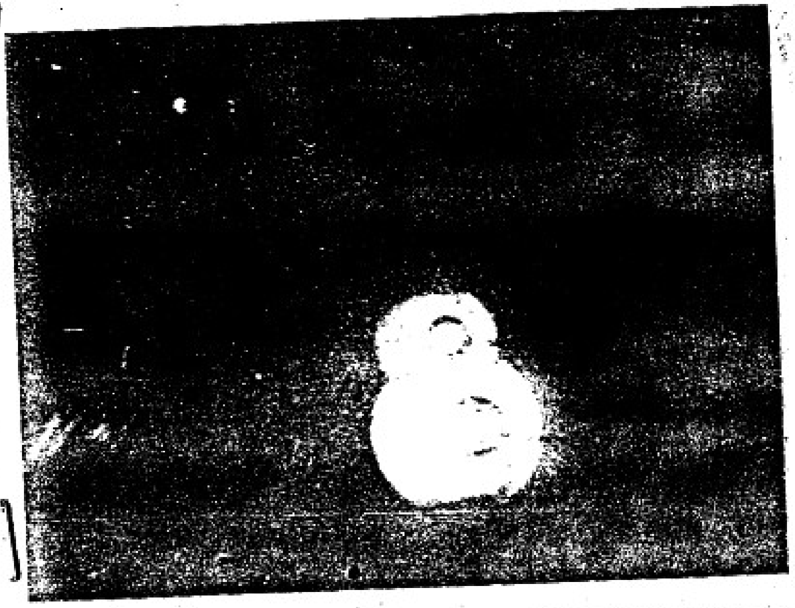

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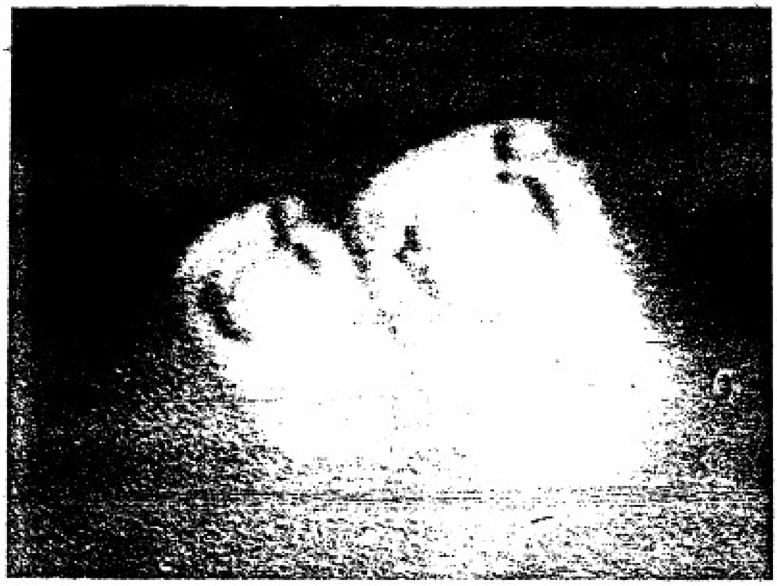

PHOTOGRAPH OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT TAKEN
BY [redacted], NEWARK, OHIO on 16 Oct 58

INFORMATION COPY
From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
OHIO

5D 24-21 13 May 1960

(U) Unidentified Flying Object
Richfield, Ohio, 5 May 1960
Sighted by M[redacted]

ATIC (AFCIN-4E2)

1. The following information received from the Cleveland, Ohio Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 11 May 1960 is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

> On 5 May 1960 Mrs. M[redacted] Richfield, Ohio, telephone [redacted] telephonically advised Special Agent John L. Stanley of the Cleveland Office that on four or five occasions during the past month between the hours of one and four AM she had observed a moon shaped luminous object which seemed to change colors to green, yellow, and chartreuse, and move slowly across the sky, being in view for twenty minutes or a half hour. She stated she could not tell how large or how far away the object was.
>
> Mrs. [redacted] who is writing a book and often stays up until early in the morning to do her writing, stated she last saw the object about two weeks ago and that on this occasion the object appeared to send down rays of light similar to the beam of a flashlight. She added that she woke two of her daughters, ages 17 and 19, and that they observed the object.
>
> Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had not reported seeing the flying object to any authorities prior to calling the FBI inasmuch as they would think she was "a screwball."

2. Investigation is not being conducted by the FBI in this matter.

Albert J. Dolino
for DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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14 September 1960

(U) Unidentified Flying Object
Crete, Illinois, 29 August 1960
Sighted by Ed Schneeweis

ATIC (AFCIN-4E2)

Attached letter from Lt JOHN T. CIZEK, USNR, dated 30 August 1960, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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August 30, 19[illegible]

Officer-in-Charge
U. F. O. Investigation Unit
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

I wish to report the sighting of an object which might be of interest to your group. At about 4:00 PM yesterday, August 29, Mr. [redacted] of Crete, Illinois, saw a gleaming chrome-like football-shaped object hovering over the ground. At the time of the sighting, he was driving north on Illinois route One, between Crete and Steger, Illinois. He observed the object through an open window and, as he approached it, it began to rise, accelerating until it was out of sight. Visibility was very good, but there may have been a few scattered clouds. The relative bearing of the object from him was probably NNW and he observed it for something less than a minute, I would judge.

I am reporting this because Mr. [redacted] would probably not take the trouble. I would suspect that many sightings go unreported. Mr. [redacted] is a farmer in his sixties, not given to hallucinations, and only one other time in his life has he seen anything which puzzled him so (apparently he saw a "fire ball" many years ago). He is not well-read on the subject of U.F.O.'s and I would respect the validity of his having observed something.

He feels that the object was shining so brightly that there must have been others who saw it, and He's investigating this possibility today. Should you desire further information, please contact Mr. [redacted] in Crete, Illinois.

Respectfully,

John T. Cizek
John T. Cizek
LT USNR

[redacted]
Park Forest, Illinois.

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~~(U)~~ Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
~~Cincinnati,~~ Ohio, 16 November 1960,
Sighted by [redacted]H
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ATIC (AFCIN-4E2x)

1. The following information reported by Mr. [redacted] on 21 November 1960, to the Cincinnati, Ohio Detachment Office of the 5th District Office of Special Investigations, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, concerning (UFO) sighting on 16 November 1960, is furnished for your information and action deemed appropriate.

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Shape - circular

(2) Size - approximately 5/16" (size of pea) held at length of arm.

(3) Color - main body white - blue with white center.

(4) Number - one

(5) Formation - not applicable

(6) No discernible features or details.

(7) Long tail, approximately the size of object with color from yellow to red orange.

(8) No sound heard.

(9) Observer stated object looked like a military flare or a meteor, celestial trajectory.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) Brightness of object first called the attention of observer to the object.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed. Approximately 87° elevation measured from North. (Almost directly overhead).

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(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance. Approximately 15° above horizon in West.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object. Traveled in straight line from East to West.

(5) How did object disappear - Instantaneously to the West.

(6) How long was object visible - Approximately 4 to 7 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground - Visual

(2) No optical aids used.

(3) Sighting made from auto.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 2021 hours - 16 November 1960.

(2) Light conditions - Night.

e. Location of Observer:

(1) Traveling West on Fairmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, approximately 2 miles N.W. of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

Name: [redacted]
Home Addre[redacted] Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio,
[redacted]
Business Address & Phone: [redacted]., Cincinnati,
Ohio, [redacted]
Business: Vice-President, Alpha Designs, In[redacted]

g. Observer's account of weather conditions - clear, unlimited ceiling and visibility, with no cloud cover.

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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1. Drawing by [redacted]
2. Newspaper Clipping

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CINCINNATI ENQUIRER
17 November 1960

New 'What's It' Crosses Our Sky

Greater Cincinnati was treated to another colorful, but brief, aerial exhibition last night.

A bluish sphere trailed by a red tail soared across the sky at about 8:15 p. m., creating a stir among residents in Mariemont, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Healthy, Milford, Fairmount and Cumminsville.

Callers told The Enquirer the display was visible only for seconds, but was of intense brilliance.

A representative of the Cincinnati Unidentified Flying Objects Research Group said last night's occurrence might fall into this category.

Leonard H. Stringfield, 4412 Grove Ave., Mariemont, is president of the local UFO group. He did not see the sphere, but his wife, Dell, did observe it. Basing his estimation on her description, he said: "It was definitely an object."

Stringfield said he has received reports of similar sightings from residents of Greater Cincinnati for the last four nights.

Last night's event was the third to create interest here in five days. The northern lights were visible Saturday night, while on Monday night, an apparent meteor flashed across the heavens and was visible in four states.

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From OSI Dist 5
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10 July 1961

Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Sighted by [redacted] ac 0300 + 0800, 30 Jun 61, AK

ATIC (AFCIN-4X2e)

1. The following information reported by Mrs. [redacted] on 30 June 1961 to the Selfridge AF Base Detachment Office of the Fifth District Office of Special Investigations, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio concerning SUBJECT, is furnished for your information and action deemed appropriate.

a. Description of the object:
  (1) Shape - saucer
  (2) Size - about the size of a dime or nickel held at arms length
  (3) Color - white
  (4) Number - 1
  (5) No discernable features or details.
  (6) No tail, trail, exhaust or sound
  (7) Observer stated object was bright and seemed to be hovering or at least was motionless.

b. Description of Course of Object:
  (1) Observer awoke from sleep for some reason and lay looking out her bedroom window that faces the East. Brightness of the object caught the observer's attention.
  (2) Angle or elevation of object when first observed - approximately 60° from the horizon.
  (3) Angle or elevation of object upon disappearance - approximately 60° -- it just seemed to fade away.
  (4) Object just faded out like you would cut down a rheostat at a fast rate.
  (5) Object was visible for about 10 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:
  (1) Ground - visual
  (2) Sighting made from bedroom
  (3) No photograph taken - no physical evidence.

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FOR [redacted]

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) About 0300 hours - 2d time 0800 - 30 June 61
(2) Light conditions - just before dawn

e. Location of Observer:

110 Merryweather, Grosse Pointe, Michigan

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

Name: Mrs. [redacted] housewife, age 38
Residence: [redacted] Grosse Pointe, Mich.
Phone: [redacted]

g. Observer's account of weather conditions - clear, no clouds at all.

h. Weather Conditions:

Selfridge AFB weather report for 0300, 30 June 61:
Ceiling: 12000 ft - broken clouds
Visibility: 6 miles - smoke
Wind direction and velocity: WSW at 3 knots;
no thunderstorms in area.

GENE P. MORITZ
Colonel, USAF
Commander

Copies to:
Comdr Selfridge AFB
Hq USAF (AFISI-6D)

Mr. Johnson

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From OSI Dist 5
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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5D 24-21-205 8 August 1961

Unidentified Flying Object, Minerva, Ohio
22 July 61, Sighted by [redacted]

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FTD (TD-E)

1. The following information received from the Cleveland, Ohio Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 7 August 1961 is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

"At 6:00 PM, July 22, 1961, [redacted] SW, Canton, Ohio, telephonically advised this office as follows:

"At 5:30 AM, July 22, 1961, while on his way to work as a tool designer at Kolcast Industries, Division of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Minerva, Ohio, he observed a flying disc, which appeared to be a big, blue light, surrounded by a yellow halo. At the time Mr. [redacted] was traveling east on Highway #30, from [redacted] to [redacted] and he was from three to four miles northwest of [redacted] when he observed the object.

"Mr. [redacted] said he was 62 years of age, had seen numerous "falling [redacted]" and that this was definitely different in that it traveled much slower and did not have anything trailing.

"He said he first saw the object at about a 45-degree angle and observed it for approximately 5 seconds until it disappeared over the horizon."

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2. Investigation is not being conducted by the FBI in this matter.

GENE P. MORITZ
Colonel, USAF
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FTD (TD-X3)

1. Attached for your information and any action you deem necessary is a letter from SUBJECT dated 12 May 1962 requesting information on unidentified flying objects.

2. Neither the OSI nor the FBI has answered this letter.

R. G. STUTZMAN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: 5D-24C-21

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
Detroit, Michigan
Sighted by [redacted] et al

LARRY LARSON
RON ROEBAR
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TO: HQ USAF (AFISI-6D)

Attached correspondence concerning subject matter forwarded in accordance with OSI Bulletin 51, Section IX, Paragraph 904.

R G Stutzman
R. G. STUTZMAN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Ltr., OSI Det 511 (24-0), Subject: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), dated 24 August 1962

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507th OSI Detachment, 5th OSI District, Selfridge AFB, Michigan

TO: Base Operations (ATTN: Major BROKAW), Selfridge AFB,
Michigan

For your information and necessary action.

RALPH W. BOWLEY
Commander
OSI Detachment 507

cc: DO#5

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24 August 1962

Detachment 511 (24-0)

Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

Commander
Detachment 507

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation concerning above subject between Special Agent BOWLEY, Detachment 507, and Special Agent MEADOR, Detachment 511, on 24 August 1962.

2. The attached letter reporting the sighting of an unidentified flying object was received through regular mail channel at this Detachment on 24 August 1962, and is forwarded for referral to the appropriate activity at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan.

EUGENE A. HARBRECHT
Major, USAF
Commander, Detachment 511

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22 August 1962

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed sheet is a report about an UFO sighting of 21 August 1962.

The sighting was witnessed by six people.. Complete details are in the report.

These two points will help to clarify this report:

A. No sound was heard pertaining to the object or coming from it.

B. A check of that same area the next night showed no stars of any other visible objects in that general area. It was a clear night.

Please reply if at all possible.

Thank you,

[redacted]

21 August 1962

A Report on an Unidentified Flying Object

DATE: 21 August 1962

TIME FIRST SIGHTED: 10:40 P.M.

TIME LOST SIGHT: 11:24P.M.

DURATION OF OBSERVATION: Approximately 45 minutes

POSITION OF U.F.O.:30-40 degrees over horizon due west

MOVEMENT:Horizontally,none;Vertically,rapid but infrequent fluctuation up and down;It changed colors rapidly from red to green to blue-white(in no set order which could be determined without the use of a telescope).

NOTE:Changes in position were noted while my head was held steady against a stationary object.Movements were noted by comparing position of U.F.O. to another stationary object.

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS:

11:13 P.M. : Moved north and upward slowly.

11:17 P.M. : Started to move to the northwest.

11:24 P.M. : Gone completely from view.

WITNESSES:

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[redacted] and his parents at the same adress)

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Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

[illegible] District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

28 January 1963

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Unidentified Flying Object
Battle Creek, Michigan
Sighted by FREDERICK W. PLUMMER
46-3998

Custer Air Force Station
Battle Creek, Michigan

1. Reference Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 20 July 1962, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO).

2. At 2230 hours on the night of 19 January 1963 an observation of an unidentified flying object was made by [redacted] Special Agent, OSI Detachment 510, Custer Air Force Station, Battle Creek, Michigan. In compliance with Paragraph 14, Air Force Regulation 200-2, the following information is submitted:

a. Description of Object

(1) Main object appeared round with fragments forming a "tail" which was tapered to a point. The fragments forming the "tail" appeared to be breaking off the object and falling earthward.

(2) Approximately the size of a silver dollar held at arms length.

(3) Brilliant blue-white.

(4) One.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Round.

(7) Apparent fragment trail not quite so bright as object.

(8) None.

(9) No other pertinent features.

b. Description of Course of Object

(1) Sighted in sky.

(2) Appeared to be extremely high in altitude, approximately directly overhead.

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(3) Approximately 15 degrees to north at approximately same altitude.

(4) Straight with no apparent variations.

(5) Appeared to have burned out.

(6) Approximately 30 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation

(1) Ground - visual.

(2) No optical aids.

(3) Not applicable.

d. Time & Date of Sighting

(1) 2230 hours Z; 15 January 1963.

(2) Dusk.

e. Location of Observer

(1) 1022 Thornehill Drive, Custer Air Force Station, Battle Creek, Michigan.

f. Identifying Information on Observer

(1) Military - [redacted] Detachment 510, Custer Air Force Station.

g. Weather & Winds

(1) Sky - Clear. Ground temperature - approximately +5 degrees F.

h. Non-applicable due to lack of knowledge and/or pertinent data.

i. Non-applicable due to lack of knowledge and/or pertinent data.

3. The foregoing information was furnished the Senior Director, Detroit Air Defense Sector (SAGE) and to the Director of Intelligence, Detroit Air Defense Sector. The Senior Director advised Special Agent PLUMMER

that he would make the necessary investigation and reports of the incident. Special Agent PLUMMER also advised the Director that in his opinion the object was what used to be referred to as a "falling star."

ELMER M. NEVILLE
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

21 February 1963

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Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)
Maysville Kentucky
Sighted by JAMES L. PILES

FTD (TD-E)

Attached letter from [redacted]s, dated 12 February 1963, concerning subject, referred to this office by the Louisville, Kentucky Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, is furnished for your information and action deemed appropriate.

ELMER M. NEVILLE
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Ltr, [redacted] Feb 63

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MAYSVILLE, KY.

February 12, 1963

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[redacted]le, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

Since we have been unable to learn the location of our nearest Civil Aeronautical Board, thought we might send a report through you which could be forwarded for whatever value it might be.

On February 8th I was returning from Maysville where my three teenage children had attended a ball game. We live on U.S. 68 about 8 miles south of Maysville. When we turned in our driveway, all of us spotted some type of aircraft apparently resting over the field that is in front of our house. My first impression was that it was a helicopter because that is the only kind of aircraft that I know about that can remain motionless in the air. We stopped the car to look at it, and suddenly my son exclaimed that it was a"flying saucer", whatever a flying saucer is none of us knows. Anyway, we jumped out of the car to get a better look at it.

It is very difficult to judge distance and size of some object hanging up in the air, but I would judge it to have been at least 30 feet across. It was round, and it was near enough that you could see the reflection of the lights on the surface. It had two red lights opposite each other and two blue lights opposite each other, apparently spaced at equal intervals around its circumference. The distance it was up in the air I would judge to be 200 feet, but here again we have to admit our inability to judge.

Almost immediately the object began to move, and as it did it changed positions by tilting until it was vertical with the earth's surface, whereas it had been horizonal when we first sighted it. The direction it took was due west, I believe. It could not have been very high up in the atmosphere for we could see its lights through the line of trees on the hillside very soon after it had passed over horizon. It was very soon out of sight. The only lights we could see after it went into motion were the two red lights, which I believe took a position of one over the top of the other.

The object was propelled by something that sounded very much like an ordinary airplane motor. We did not notice the whir like a helicopter, nor was there anything that indicated a jet. It certainly picked up speed rapidly starting from zero, and I would judge that it traveled a distance of 320 rods before it was out of sight. I have before me a copy of an aerial map of our farm. The horizan is about 160 rods from where we were standing, and we are about 50 feet below the horizan on our driveway. This would indicate the object was only 100 feet above us, if it held the same distance (relative) up in the air.

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MAYSVILLE, KY.

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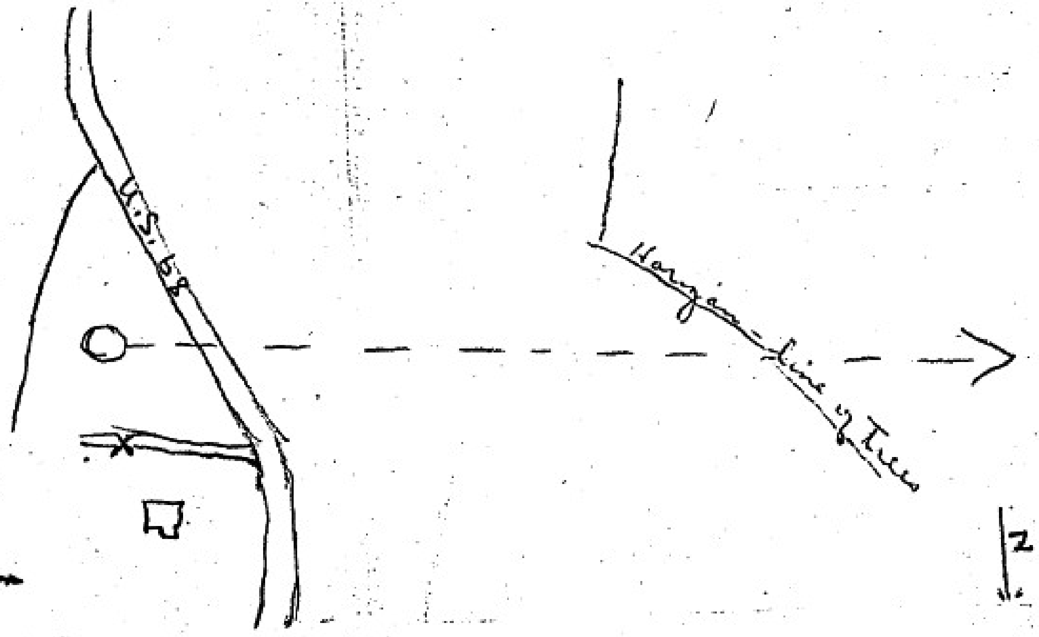
From a contour map we have of Mason County, the field over which this object was resting is between 38-32'30" and 38-35' and 83-47'30" and 83-50'. The time was 9:50 P.M. On checking the geological map, I see that we were standing at about 720 feet above sea level, and the horizan is 840 feet, so I was mistaken about it being only 50 feet to the top of the hill. /This means if the object went out of sight in 320 rods that it would have been 240 feet up in the air, which distance seems more realistic to me.

One other person besides us saw the craft, he was following us some distance behind and saw the lights pass over U.S. 68 just as he passed our farm. He only noticed the lights because they were low to the ground.

We would be interested in knowing if the records show a craft of this type to have been at this location.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]



x our location when we sighted craft.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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211 Madrid Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

February 13, 1963

[redacted]
Maysville,
Kentucky

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This will acknowledge your letter of February 12, 1963.

Since the incident related by you is not one ordinarily investigated by this office, I am taking the liberty of referring your letter to Captain Lee Tucker, Detachment Commander, Fifth District, Office of Special Investigations, U. S. Air Force, 808 Columbia Building, Louisville, Kentucky.

Thank you very much for reporting this matter.

Sincerely,

Ian D. MacLennan
Ian D. MacLennan
Special Agent in Charge

1cc - Capt. Lee Tucker
Detachment Commander
Fifth District
Office of Special Investigations
U. S. Air Force
808 Columbia Building
Louisville, Kentucky

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Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), Newton, Ohio, Sighted by Mrs. [redacted]

13 February 1964

FTD (TDE)

1. Mrs. D[redacted], Ohio, telephone number [redacted], telephonically reported the following information to OSI Detachment 501, Cincinnati, Ohio, on 30 January 1964:

At approximately 2325 hours, 27 January 1964, she observed what appeared to be a green flare in the sky north of Newton, Ohio. The flare appeared to have fallen to the ground but she was unable to determine the distance from her home to the flare. To the best of her knowledge, no other persons in the area observed the flare. Mrs. [redacted] stated she had notified the Observatory at the University [redacted]incinnati, the Luken Airport, and the U. S. Weather Bureau, Cincinnati, Ohio, of the above information.

2. This matter is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Calvin L. Hamilton
CALVIN L. HAMILTON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, C I Division

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Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), Ontario Canada. Sighted by [redacted], 21 May 1964

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FTD (TDE)

The attached affidavits concerning subject matter are furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

FOR THE COMMANDER

CALVIN L. HAMILTON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, CI Division

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1. Affidavit, [redacted]
2. Affidavit, [redacted]

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THE STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
CUYAHOGA COUNTY)

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[redacted] being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

On Thursday, May 21, 1964, I was camping with [redacted] on the North shore of Lake McCoy in Ontario, Canada. Lake McCoy is approximately forty miles North and is somewhat to the East of White River, Ontario. The camp was about a mile or a mile and one-half from the East end of the Lake.

On the evening of Thursday, May 21, 1964, Messrs. [redacted] called my attention to four moving lights which were visible in the Eastern sky. The lights were apparently moving from South to North and were between 15° and 30° from the horizon. They gave off a reddish or orangish glow, and the balls of light had a texture something like a Roman Candle. The lights were not very large and moved in an irregular manner with the leading light pulling far ahead of the other three lights and the last two lights almost converging. It appeared to me that the leading light turned to the East when it reached the Northern sky, but in any event, shortly thereafter the lights were obscured from view by low clouds. The lights were probably visible for three or four minutes. There was absolutely no noise. All three of us observed this phenomenon and agreed as to what we had seen. We had observed earlier that the atmosphere was such that at various times there were rings of light around the moon. We believe that this was a consequence of the formation of clouds between us and the moon. This

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is mentioned simply because if the lights which we saw were planes, their eerie appearance may be explainable on the basis of atmospheric conditions. The sighting occurred at about 11:15 P.M., EDT.

After the sighting, two groups of four planes each, which we assumed to be multi-engine jet aircraft, flew over our camp almost directly overhead. Subsequently we heard two other flights which we assumed also contained four multi-engine jet aircraft each.

I am a lawyer, employed by [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and have been so employed for almost four years. I graduated from the University of Michigan Lit School in 1957, and the University of Michigan Law School in 1960. I am 29 years of age and a citizen of the United States.

[redacted]

SWORN TO before me and subscribed in my presence this 26th day of May, 1964.

Joseph E. Mullaney
Notary Public
Joseph E. Mullaney

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THE STATE OF OHIO)
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CUYAHOGA COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

[redacted] being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I have read an affidavit executed this day by [redacted] concerning the citing of four moving lights on May 21, 1964. The facts stated therein are an accurate description of my own observation on that night.

I would supplement the [redacted] affidavit by stating that as the last two lights almost converged, the fourth moved to a position apparently vertically above the third. In this respect, as in others, the most striking thing to me about the lights was the seemingly erratic manner in which they moved with respect to each other.

By way of describing the size of the lights, I would also add that the lights were not large, perhaps resembling stars with "feathered out" edges. It appeared that except for the assumed atmospheric condition to which Mr. Nelson refers, the lights might have been mere points or dots.

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SWORN TO before me and subscribed in my presence this 26th day of May, 1964.

Notary Public
No expiration - Attorney-at-law

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighting 23 November 1964

FTD (TDE)

1. At approximately 1540 hours, 17 November 1964, Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, reported that her son, [redacted], had come home from school and reported that during lunch break at St. [redacted] Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, many of the children in the playground had seen a circular object flying overhead with two appendages sticking out from the bottom. One of the boys, [redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, drew the object on a blackboard in the school during a subsequent class. All the children involved were from ten to twelve years old. The incident occurred sometime during the period 1230 to 1240 hours, 17 November 1964.

2. The above is furnished for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Albert J. Fodino
ALBERT J. FODINO
Chief, CI Division

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Unidentified Flying Object (UFO), Sighted by
[redacted], Barberton, Ohio, 30 March 1965

FTD (TDEW/UFO)

Attached letter from [redacted] received by this District's Detachment Office in Cleveland, Ohio, is furnished in accordance with AFR 200-2 dated 20 July 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER

VINCENT NOBILE
Major, USAF
Chief, CI Division

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Ltr from [redacted] to Cleveland
Detachment, OSI, dated 31 Mar 65

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Barberton,Ohio
March 31,1965

AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION O.S.I.
E. 6th. St.
Cleveland,Ohio

Ref: Reporting of Controlled Observation of U.F.O's.

Gentlemen,

The following data may be of some interest to the Air Force Defense Command not so much from another sighting but the kind of sighting.

I wish to report a craft manuvering last night at 8:10 P.M. E.S.T. from my small farm at [redacted] Rd. Barberton,Ohio Summit County, Norton Twp.

The craft appeared a half minute after a high flying jet plane(looked by exhaust and sound to be an intercept air force plane flying west about 45,000 ft. altitude and just under the sound barrier perhaps about 700 M.P.H.) was observed by this writer.

Judged height of circ ular craft 150,000 to 200,000 ft. altitude bearing S. 30 Deg. W. and on vertical angle of 70 deg. Judged speed very great and very graceful and very constant lasting 1½ seconds. Later in my study the altitude, time of flight and angle of closure calculations came out to 13 m.p. second or 780 m. p. minute or 46,300 MPH.

The most valuable part of the sighting was that this craft flew in a very particular flight pattern(much the same as an earth man would fly it). It came down in a vertical dive culminating in a long corkscrew downward spiral and then manuvered into an upward corkscrew turn and voloplaned to two distinct levels, each level appearing to be about 10,000 feet altitude. It glowed from weak to intense as power was applied at the various stages of decent and ascent and level changes and the craft/emitted a different type of output of glow from anything I saw on TV on UFO's or had read about it in last 12 years. The light was a clear silvery white COOL type of light emission changing only in intensity but NOT IN COLOR.

If interested in further details and description please contact writer at [redacted]ve. Akron,Ohio. FR 6 7161.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date February 2, 1966

The enclosed is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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Remarks:

Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[redacted] Rd,
Collaroy Beach.
Sydney. N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA

24th January 1966.

Mr Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Mr Hoover,

I would like to bring to your attention, a matter which is receiving world wide attention. It is in regard to "flying saucers".

A report in todays paper from Tully Qld, indicates positive identification of such an aircraft. I have been giving the matter a lot of consideration, over a period of time, after seeing a movie about the aircraft, several years ago. The movie showed a faint identification of the aircraft.

If you may recall, these aircraft were sighted about near the end of the War with Germany, or just after the war, by R.A.F. – I think the aircraft are Nazi owned. The fuel used appears to be a rocket type, as in the photograph enclosed, you can observe how the reeds were flattened, this would be by jets. The rocket fuel would have been developed during the War, probably in conjunction with the Messerschmidt Jets, Rockets for Russia, possibly, that were unable to be used because of the effectiveness of the allied bombardment. The experimenting with fuel of this type would require a great deal of care, the bombardment would have hampered this. You may remember the German Pocket Battleship who scampered to Montitivedo and stayed overnight before being scuttled. The Pocket Battleship only put up a brief fight, Montitivedo was a neutral port – it would have been an ideal place to continue with the experiments, providing facilities existed. The Nazis would have required contacts there, and chemical supplies, basic fuel for experimenting, engineering facilities for construction of aircraft and it would probably be located away from populated areas, for takeoff, however, the aircraft also operates under the sea, as a sighting was made of it in Sydney, going into the sea. It is also possible there might be a factory or shipyard in Montitivedo , on the coast, where they take off, or, from a ship at sea.

I read yesterday, in a Sydney paper that the Nazi party were at it again, on this occasion the speaker had to seek police protection, to get away from the irate gathering. I cannot understand how a Government allows the Nazi party freedom, surely the Nazi internment camps were enough to remember. I was immediately mindful, when reading of the incident, that there may be some organising going on, perhaps from Montitivedo or a new location, and of course if this was so it would be dangerous to world security. The full impact would be that the Nazi party, under cover, could be in very important positions.

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The nature of the experiments, would suggest that Von Braun would have known of such experiments and that the most important scientist got away from Germany, this of course puts Von Braun under suspicion. Any questioning would alert him immediately.

Twenty years is a long time, long enough for some of the Nazis to gain entry,-with perhaps excellent background, such as Military Acadamies,-to selected careers. They would be the children of the World War Nazis.

Forgive me for saying so, but I would speak only to selected people regarding this and please advise the President to do likewise. It appears to me the basic point of the plan would be income from War production items, as the policy of the aircraft, so far, has been only to be seen. I cannot see the aircraft being anything but German - at that time, about the end of the war.

The only other alternative would be that they are from another planet and this, to me, would be fiction, as they have shown themselves "friendly" and if friendly, they would have contacted us, and if there were problems regarding earths atmosphere or any other problem, they would have landed, at least. So far, the aircraft have always avoided us, indicating they dont wish to be known.

I think this is rather formidable when you look at it, and the Nazis would be well established under-cover.

President Johnson should know of my letters to the President of the United Nations, am enclosing them. I have not received any reply from the United Nations, even though I have noticed that Her Majesty the Queen, has used her Royal perogative in the "Death sentence" already, by granting life imprisonment. Please confirm that my letters got into the right hands at United Nations, am enclosing them for checking purposes. I had assumed that there must have been reasons why no acknowledgement was sent. However, as I am writing now, it wont hurt, please check these letters with the President.

I wish you success Mr Hoover, I have been an admirer of yours, for your outstanding loyalty, for many years.

sincerely yours,

MR

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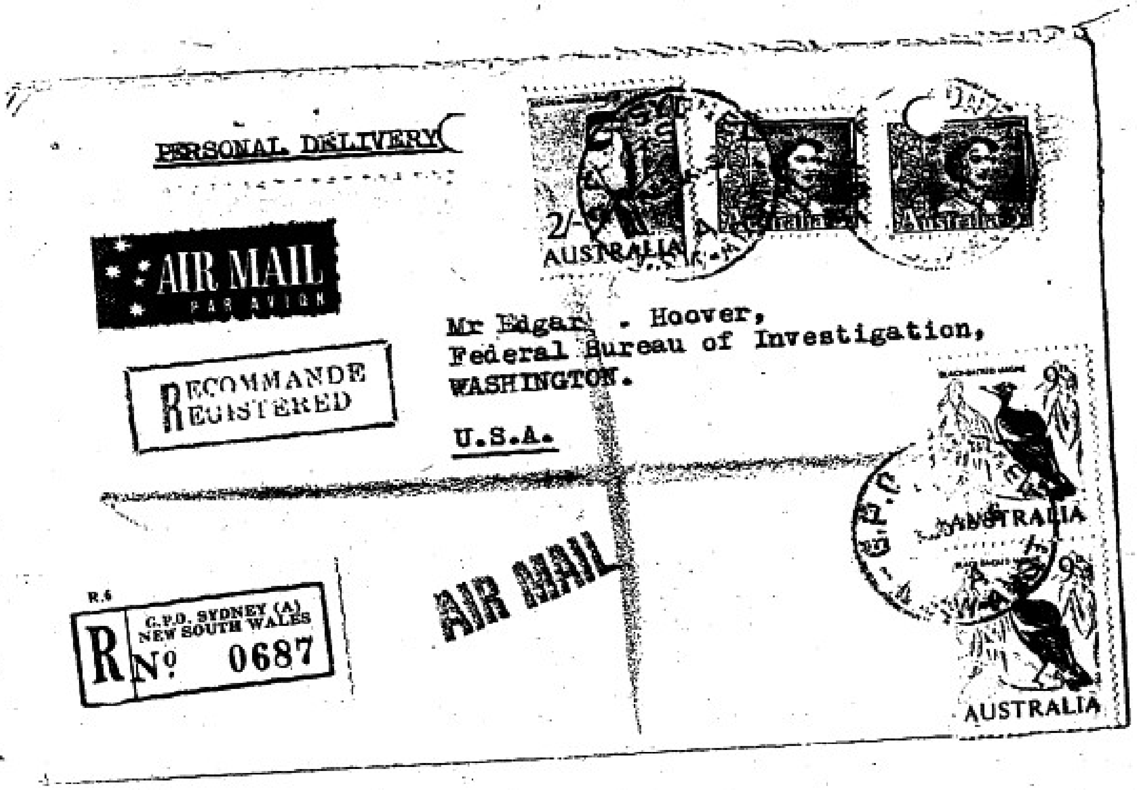

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Hundreds in search for 'space nests'

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TULLY, Queensland, Saturday. — Two more "flying saucer nests" are reported to have been found in the Tully district.

The three "nests" discovered are circular clearings of dead reeds, surrounded by green reeds.

Hundreds of sightseers have flocked to the spot searching for more "nests."

Police and local officials are baffled.

The first "nest" was found in a swamp by a 27-year-old banana-grower, Mr George Pedley, who reported seeing a vapour-like saucer take off from the spot on Wednesday.

The second and third were sighted by Mr Tom Warren and Mr Hank Penning when walking around Horseshoe Lagoon.

Mr Warren is a cane farmer of Euramo, and Mr Penning is a Tully schoolteacher.

The first nest is about 30ft in diameter. The reeds are all flattened in a clockwise direction, and surrounded by healthy green reeds.

Police say that if some machine which travelled on the ground had made the discs, it would have left traces in the surrounding scrub. But the scrub is untouched.

His story

Mr Pedley today told me his story of seeing a flying saucer.

"Had anyone asked me five days ago if I believed in flying saucers I'd have laughed and thought they were nuts," he said.

"But now I know better; I have actually seen a spaceship.

"No one will ever convince me that I was imagining things.

"I was driving the tractor through a neighbouring property on my way to my farm about 9 a.m. on Wednesday when I heard a loud hissing noise above the engine noise of the tractor.

"It sounded like air escaping from a tyre. But the tractor tyres seemed O.K., so I drove on.

"At first I ignored the sound, but suddenly I saw a spaceship rise at great speed out of a swamp called Horseshoe Lagoon about 25 yards in front of me.

"It was blue-grey, about 25ft across and nine feet high. It spun at a terrific rate as it rose vertically to about 60ft, then made a shallow dive and rose sharply.

"Travelling at a fantastic speed, it headed off in a south-westerly direction. It was out of sight in seconds.

"I saw no portholes or antennae," Mr Pedley said, "and there was no sign of life either in or about the ship."

Mr Pedley said he decided not to say anything because he thought no one would believe his story.

"But on my way home to Tully that night I met Albert Pennisi, who owns the property where I saw the saucer.

"He believed me straight away and told me he had been dreaming for a week that a flying saucer would land on his property.

"He said that about 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday his dog suddenly went mad and bounded off towards the lagoon."

"Crackers"

Mr Pedley said he drove to a service station and told three people there what he had seen.

"Then the fun started. They were convinced I was crackers and told me so."

Mr Pedley took them to the spot and pointed out the strange circle and decided to call the police.

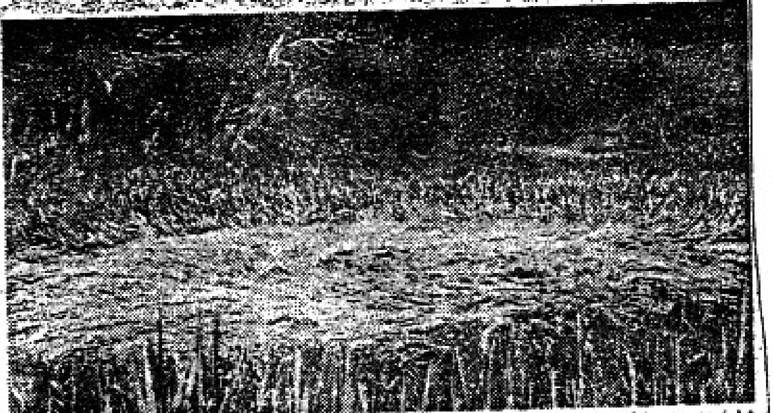
On Thursday two sightseers, Mr Tom Warren and Mr Hank Penning, took a walk around the lagoon and discovered the second and third nests.

One appeared to be some days old, but the other, only a few feet away, seemed reasonably fresh.

They were about 25 yards from the first one, but hidden by dense scrub.

The fresher one is only eight feet across. The reeds were flattened in an anti-clockwise direction. In the first disc they ran in a clockwise direction.

One other mystery has turned up. A patch of couch grass about four feet square, and about three feet from the perimeter of the first disc, has been clipped at water level.



IN THE SWAMP

THE first "flying saucer nest" found in a swamp near Tully, showing the flattened reeds. The circle is about 30ft in diameter.

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: 5D-24-21-218

4 APR 1966

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting by [redacted], Highland Heights, Kentucky, on 31 March 1966

TO: FTD (TDE)

1. At approximately 1045 hours, 1 April 1966, [redacted] Avenue, Highland Heights, Kentucky (Occupation: Student at Villa Madonna, Covington, Kentucky), telephoned the OSI Detachment 501 office, Cincinnati, Ohio, to report sighting UFO at approximately 2256 hours, 31 March 1966. [redacted] stated that he observed the object for approximately ten minutes; that it appeared to be a white light with a red light either flashing or revolving around the white light. He stated that it remained in one position on the South - Southwestern Kentucky sky and upon looking at it with binoculars it seemed to take on a "dancing" as a flame or fire flickers. [redacted] stated he first noticed this when he noticed there were no stars in the sky. He further added that he did not look at it for about ½ minute and when he looked back, it was gone.

2. FBI Cincinnati Field Office advised OSI Detachment 501 that they have had no complaints from or complaints o[redacted].

3. The above is furnished for your information.

for Albert J. DeLino
FREDRIC W. SHOOK, Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

Cy to HQ USAF (AFISIIC)

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5D 24-21-219

23 AUG 1966

Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by Mr. & Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]8, Kirtland, Ohio

FTD (TDEW)

1. Attached letter signed by [redacted] and R[redacted] together with their description of subject sighting and a freehand drawing, received by this District's Detachment Office in Cleveland, Ohio, is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 20 July 1962.

2. You are advised that this District Office has not contacted the BROOKS concerning this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Fredric W. Shook

FREDRIC W. SHOOK, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, CI Division

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Ltr from Mr. & Mrs [redacted], 19 Aug 66, with their description of sighting and freehand drawing

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August 19, 1966
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Kirtland, Ohio

Office of Special Investigation, U.S.A.F.
Detachment 502
Room 613
Lincoln Building
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I know you probably get hundreds of letters like this every day, but my curiosity has been getting the best of me. My husband and I were returning home from a trip to Tennessee where we dropped our son off at camp, when we had this situation happen to us.

We haven't told anyone because we thought they would think we were mentally unbalanced.

We talked about the happening all the way home and weeks afterwards. The next day, I called the Plain Dealer (not giving my name) and asked if any UFO's were reported in the area the night before. I also called the Medina Sheriff's Department, but no one had heard anything. I thought for sure someone else would have reported what we had seen and that we could varify it also, but as far as we knew, no one had.

I am not ashamed to tell you that we were quite scared when this occurred.

I hope there is some logical explanation for what we saw. It was not a cloud, but something realistic. It was something, and if you know what it was I wish you would please let us know. Also, we would appreciate it if you would not let too many people know our names.

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August 19, 1966

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On June 25th (Saturday) my husband and I were traveling North on Route 21, in the Medina County area. It was between 10:00 and 11:00 PM and we were traveling at a steady speed of 70 MPH. It was a clear warm night and the stars were out.

I happened to glance out the window to my right (East) and just above the treetops I could see very bright red, white, and green lights. I questioned my husband as to whether there was an airport near the area, because the lights looked as though it was an airplane with its landing light on coming in for a landing. (We found in looking at the map later that there is an Akron-Canton airport in the area, but it was quite a bit further south than we were.)

I started watching the road again and then glanced to the right again and the lights were still at treetop level (about 500 yards to the right-east). I mentioned that it was taking that plane an awful long time to land. I kept watching the lights and they never went any lower.

Then, it seemed to drop back and I thought then that it was landing. I turned around to watch it and it moved to its left (west) at an angle, like a helicopter wouldonly it didn't teeter like one would when it turned the angle. It was now flying directly behind us up the freeway. It was coming closer. Then we thought it was a helicopter checking the traffic because it was heavy that night. As I watched it it seemed to come closer and I turned the radio off to see if we could hear propeller noises. There were none. I told my husband to look, and asked him what he thought it was. He glanced around as he was driving, but couldn't see too well and said it was probably a helicopter or an airplane with neon advertising on it. I reasoned why would it be out this late and to what advantage would a plane advertisement be at this hour of the night over a freeway that most of the cars were going at least 70 MPH on.

I climbed into the back seat to get a closer look at it. It was close enough that I could see it rotating from, as I looked at it, left to right slowly. At first I couldn't believe my eyes and I asked my husband to look again. He turned around and looked and said that he had never seen anything like it before.

It was in the shape of a doughnut on its side or an innertube and had bright red, white and green lights on it and a small red flashing light in the middle on top. It didn't sway from one side to another but followed us almost at the same speed because it didn't get any smaller through the back window. I know the object was turning as it was flying because the colors would change slowly like colors in the front of a Juke Box, and you could see all of the colors all of the time. There was no sound whatsoever except that coming from our car, I opened the window to try to hear it and - nothing.

We thought maybe it was a plane and it thought the freeway was a landing strip with all of the lights on it, but when we talked this over there was no darkness at all to allow for the wings between the lights and also the landing light on a plane is much larger than the wing lights.

It followed us at the same speed for about 2 minutes, then it veered off to the west (at an angle), never going any higher and I lost it in the trees.

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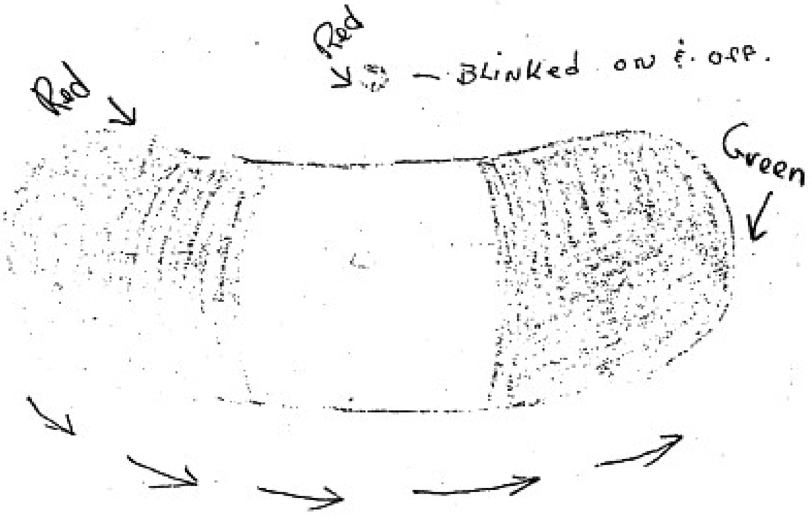
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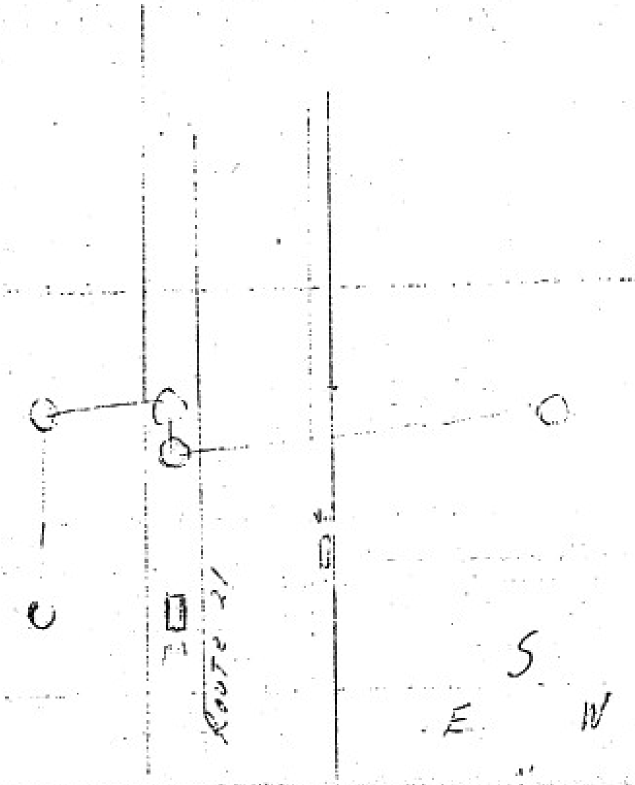
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The reports referenced in your letter can be downgraded and marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

F. L. WELCH
Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OSI DISTRICT 5 (HQ USAF)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 5D 24-21

13 APR 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Reports (Your ltr, 4 Apr 67)

TO: HQ USAF (AFISIIC) (24-185)

1. Copies of reports listed in your letter of 4 April 1967 are attached for evaluation as to their current classification.

2. This correspondence is classified C[redacted] to conform to the classification of the attachments. When attachment 1 and 2 are withdrawn this letter will be marked [redacted]

Ralph E. Jarrett, Lt Col, USAF
R. L. ATCHLEY, Colonel, USAF
Commander

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1. Ltr, DO 14 (24-359), 18 Oct 56 w/atch (C) Filed in 24-185-20
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DO 14 file 24-341, undated, Subject: Sighting of Object Resembling Flying Saucer on 6 April 1956 near Henderson, North Carolina and DO 14 file 24-0, 11 June 1956, Subject: Flying Disc Observed, Oxford, Pennsylvania, 4 May 1956 may be declassified and marked For Official Use Only.

F. L. WELCH
Chief, Counterintelligence Division
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Declassification of UFO Reports

4 APR 1967

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1. Reference your letter, 16 April 1956, Subject: Sighting of Object Resembling Flying Saucer on April 6, 1956, near Henderson, North Carolina, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning, and letter, 11 May 1956, Subject: Flying Disc Observed, Oxford, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1956, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning.

2. Request the current security classification of the information contained in the above referenced reports be furnished this office at your earliest convenience.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

REPLY TO ATTN OF: AFISIIC 24-185

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Reports

4 APR 1967

TO: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

1. Reference your letter, 16 April 1956, Subject: Sighting of Object Resembling Flying Saucer on April 6, 1956, near Henderson, North Carolina, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning, and letter, 11 May 1956, Subject: Flying Disc Observed, Oxford, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1956, Miscellaneous - Information Concerning.

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Declassification of UFO Reports (Your ltr, 17 Feb 1967) 4 APR 1967

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1. All correspondence listed on the attachment to FTD's letter, dated 14 February 1967, with the following exceptions, may be marked For Official Use Only.

a. DO 14 file 24-341, undated, Subject: Sighting of Object Resembling Flying Saucer on 6 April 1956 near Henderson, North Carolina

b. DO 14 file 24-0, 11 June 1956, Subject: Flying Disc Observed, Oxford, Pennsylvania, 4 May 1956

The FBI is the OPR and they will have to make the determination as to the classification of the information contained therein. The OSI letters transmitting these reports are unclassified and should be marked For Official Use Only.

c. DO 20 file 24-0, 27 July 1956, and DO 14 file 24-359, 18 October 1956, Subject: UFO (Alber R. Klein)

d. DO 9 file 24-208, 15 May 1957, and DO 14 file 24-382, 13 June 1957, Subject: UFO Sighted Approximately 5 Miles West of Ringgold, Louisiana, on 25 April 1957

Request you obtain copies of these two reports and forward them to the Directorate for an evaluation. The copies at the Directorate are not legible and a determination as to their current classification cannot be made without legible copies.

2. By separate letter, the FBI is being requested to furnish this Directorate the current classification of their reports referenced in paragraph 1a and b of this letter. Upon receipt of their evaluation, you will be advised.

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Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

23 FEB 1967

REPLY TO ATTN OF: AFISIHD

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Reports (DO 5 Ltr, 17 Feb 67)

TO: AFISIIC

1. Forwarded to you for the necessary review is a request from the Foreign Technology Division of AFSC to declassify certain OSI reports they have in their possession.

2. Lt Col Robert Hippler of AFRSTA said that the Secretary of the Air Force has established the policy that all USAF information on UFO's classified up to and including Secret is to be provided to the University of Colorado. Lt Col Hippler is providing this office with a letter outlining this policy. Lt Col Jarratt at OSI Dist 5 is coordinating this project with AFSC.

3. Request this office coordinate on your reply to OSI Dist 5.

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MARVIN M. LONG
Chief, Policy Branch, Plans & Policy Div.
Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OSI DISTRICT 5 (HQ USAF)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 5D 24C~~21~~-0

17 FEB 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Reports

TO: AFISIHD (ATTN: Lt CALDERWOOD)

1. Reference attached letter from TDET/UFO, Headquarters, Foreign Technology Division, (AFCS), subject above, dated 14 February 1967.

2. TDET/UFO advised that there is no information within the OSI reports identified in the attachment that TDET/UFO considers classified.

3. The first four (4) columns of the attachment to referenced letter identify the original OSI correspondence, and the fifth column indicates if a copy were forwarded to the Directorate OSI. The last three columns indicate the OSI office forwarding the original correspondence to the office of primary interest. The absence of a transmittal office indicates the report was forwarded directly to the Directorate OSI.

4. On 8 February 1967, the Chief, Processing Division, DISCO, advised the Commander, OSI Detachment 503, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, that the University of Colorado possessed a facility clearance for SECRET security information.

K. L. ATCHLEY, Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Ltr from TDET/UFO, dated 14 Feb 67
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDET/UFO

14 February 1967

SUBJECT: Declassification of UFO Reports

TO: 5th District OSI
Attn: MCLOSI

1. Reference the attached list of classified unidentified flying object reports. Requests were sent to the various OSI District Offices requesting declassification of UFO reports. The majority of the offices responded by stating that cases were no longer on file and were probably forwarded to the Directorate Office in Washington, D. C.

2. Request declassification of UFO reports so that the reports may be made available to the University of Colorado which is currently under Air Force contract to study the UFO phenomenon.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JAMES C. MANATT, Colonel, USAF
Director of Technology and Subsystems

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ROI FOUO [illegible]	UFO, Vicinity Nowasseur Air Depot, French Morocco, 1900 - 2200 hours, 5 March 54	North Africa Dist. (24-16)	15 Mar 54	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	UFO *(A3C KEITH BRAKINS)	DO 7 (24-0)	19 Jan 55	Yes
Letter FOUO	UFO, LEONARD R. OGLE, LOWELL FLON, WELDON BERGREEN - Informants	DO 18 (24-373)	7 Feb 55	Yes
Letter FOUO OK.	UFO, Observed in vicinity of Bethesda, Maryland on 10 Feb 55 FLYOBRT	DO 4 (24-0-359)	24 Feb 55	Yes
Letter FOUO O.K.	UFO, [redacted] - Informant	DO 18 (24-383)	23 Mar 55	Yes
ROI FOUO OK	Flying Saucer, 23 Feb 55 at Wilton, Conn., seen by [redacted]	DO 2 (24-420)	15 Apr 55	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	Sighting of UFO at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 Apr 55	DO 3 (56-1)	5 May 55	Yes
ROI O.K. - FOUO	UFO, Seen by [redacted] May 55 at Little Falls, N.J.	DO 2 (24-421)	19 May 55	Yes

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Letter FOUO OK	UFO, Sighted by [redacted] near La Veta, Colorado, 25 Nov 55	DO 14 (24-314)	25 Jan 56	Yes
Letter, transmitting FBI Report, dated 17 Apr 56 FOUO ltr	Sighting of Object Resembling Flying Saucer on 6 Apr 56 near Henderson, N. Carolina *[redacted]	DO 14 (24-341)	Undated	Yes 24 (Vol. 24-
ROI FOUO OK.	UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S), UFO Sighted at Glen Ridge, N.J., on 9 Mar 56	DO 2 (24-496)	16 Apr 56	Yes
Letter, transmitting FBI Report, dated 14 May 56 FOUO ltr	Flying Disc, Observed Oxford, Pa., 4 May 56 *[redacted]	DO 14 (24-0)	11 Jun 56	Yes 24
Letter	UFO *[redacted]	DO 20 (24-0)	27 Jul 56	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	Sighting of UFO over Birmingham, Ala., 5 Jun 56 *(Majors ROBERT L. OELKER & [redacted]	DO ~~14~~ (24-0) 8-24-471	~~30 Jul 56~~ 6 Jun 56	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	Sighting of UFO	DO 7 (24-0)	9 Aug 56	Yes
Letter FOUO OK.	UFO report, as seen by [redacted]v, [redacted] Jolla, Calif. on 6 Aug 56, in the vicinity of La Jolla Shores, Cal.	DO 18 (24-0-391)	17 Aug 56	Yes

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	Yes	DO 5	24-21-175	10 Jun 55
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Letter FOUO 98	Report of UFO as seen by [redacted] Civ., [redacted], Ohio on 4 Sep 56 in the vicinity of Doxmere & Snow Roads, Parma Heights, Ohio, approx. 4 miles East of Cleveland Hopkin Apt.	DO 5 (24-21-180)	13 Sep 56	Yes
Letter FOUO 98	Report of UFO Sighted on 8 Aug 56 in general vicinity of Quartsite, Arizona	DO 18 (24-448)	25 Sep 56	Yes
Letter request copy of report	UFO, Sighted 27 Jul 56 by [redacted], approx. 500 miles SE of Gander, Newfoundland.	DO 5 (24-21-181)	27 Sep 56	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): UFO reported by [redacted], NYC	DO 2 (24-523)	22 Oct 56	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	Sighting of Unidentified Objects between Portland, Arkansas and Wilmot, Arkansas.	DO 3 (24-170)	30 Oct 56	Yes
ROI	UFO, Sighted approx. 5 miles West of Ringgold, La., on 25 Apr 57	DO 9 (24-208)	15 May 57	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	Report of UFO, Photographed by [redacted] Bostonia, Cal., on 19 Oct or 2 Nov 56.	DO 18 (24-0)	18 Jun 57	Yes

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ROI FOUO OK	Unidentified Object Photographed on Moon, 29 May 58 [redacted].	DO 2 (24-614)	22 Jul 58	Yes
Letter FOUO	Balloon of Unidentified Origin Landing on Property of [redacted], Temple, Oklahoma	DO 11 (24-0)	17 Oct 58	Yes
Letter FOUO OK	Reported Sighting of UFO, Charleston, S. Carolina [redacted]	DO 6 (24-0)	5 Nov 58	Yes
	UFO (NFI)	DO 14 (24-342)	Undated	No

Transmitted:

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b. One (1) Photostatic copy of Letter, Hqs Armament Combat Training Cen dated 27 Feb 56.

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58	Yes (24-6554)	DO 5	24-348	
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Unidentified Flying Objects Cited by Mrs. [redacted], [redacted] [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio

22 Sept 1967

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1. On 22 September 1967 at approximately 0930 hours, Mrs. [redacted] ([redacted]) telephonically contacted Mrs. JUNE C. HUTCHESON, secretary, OSI Detachment 501, Cincinnati, and related the following:

a. [redacted] stated that she was currently observing a large shiny or glistening object, about the size of the sun or moon, and had previously heard a motor which she described as sounding like a helicopter or a motorcycle. She stated it was rather low in the sky, to the west of Hamilton Avenue. Mrs. HUTCHESON queried her as to whether it could possibly have been Lt. ARTHUR MEHRING, in the Traffic Helicopter, which flys over the Cincinnati Metropolitan area during the early morning and late afternoon rush-hour traffic periods. [redacted] stated, no, she had seen a helicopter a little while before.

b. [redacted] also related an incident which she stated occurred about three weeks ago but had failed to call and report it at that time. She advised that her daughter was suffering from a virus and she had been up with her during the night (about 1-1:30 a.m.) and had heard a loud noise which she thought to be two motorcycles going down an alley or roadway near her apartment building. Her daughter also mentioned the motorcycle noise. When she looked out the window, she saw two objects hovering in the trees and during the time she was watching, they came up from the trees, hovered at the tree tops and then left north from the trees. She described the objects as approximately two to three feet long, round (approximately the size of an eight pound bucket or a boiler she uses for cooking) and coming to a point (like a pencil) in the front, with a red light on each end and green in the middle. They hovered and flew (or moved) about two feet apart. The noise she heard sounded like two motorcycle motors. [redacted] stated her husband

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did not get up and observe with her--but the next evening he did go out to the area and look for tracks or signs. They reported it to the owner of the apartment building.

c. [redacted] said she called the City Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, she did not identify the office, and was told to report above to the Cincinnati Airport, who in turn told her to call OSI.

2. This district office has not contacted [redacted] and contemplates no action on subject matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Ralph E Jarratt

RALPH E. JARRATT, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, CI Division

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by Mr[redacted] Street, Springfield, Ohio, 13 November 1967

FTD (TDEW)

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Major QUINTANILLA and SA FOLINO of this office on 13 November 1967, concerning subject matter.

2. On 13 November 1967, Mr. [redacted]sed that Mr. [redacted] Springfield, Ohio, advised him that on 13 November 1967, at approximately 0400 hours, he had observed an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the vicinity of Reed Park, Springfield, Ohio. This object was approximately 30 feet in diameter and had an orange glow to it. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] told him that he had shined a spotlight on the UFO and it had taken on a pinkish tint and came towards him. When the object came towards him, [redacted] became frightened and left the vicinity. [redacted]otified a lieutenant on the Springfield Police Department of this incident.

3. The above information was furnished to Major QUINTANILLA via referenced telephone conversation. Major QUINTANILLA said that his office would contact Mr. [redacted]first thing Tuesday morning, 14 November 1967, and [redacted]was so advised.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Ralph E. Jarratt
RALPH E. JARRATT, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, CI Division

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INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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6th DISTRICT: ROBINS AFB, ROBINS FIELD, GA.
OSI FILE DESIGNATION 24-185-6

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 MAR 1950

24-185-6

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unconventional Aircraft over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander, 6th OSI District (IG)
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report from your district office, dated 21 February 1950, concerning above subject.

2. In view of the fact that the unidentified aerial object was sighted approximately two (2) months ago and your report referred to above furnishes adequate general information, no further OSI investigation appears to be warranted.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg. Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
OSI, IG, USAF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FEB 21 1950

FILE NO: 24-400

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS:

a. An unidentified aerial object, concerning which descriptions varied, was sighted on 29 December 1949, moving southwesterly through the sky over North and South Carolina. This object was first seen over Fayetteville, N. C. at about 1630 hours; over Hamlet, N. C. at about 1645 hours; and later at 1700 hours over Greenwood, S. C. A course drawn from Fayetteville, N. C. passing through Hamlet, N. C., Newberry, S. C., Greenwood, S. C. and Abbeville, S. C. is approximately a straight line. The distance covered from 1630 hours to 1700 hours by the object on this course is approximately 200 miles, giving the object a speed of approximately 400 miles per hour.

b. No information except the time that the object was spotted is available from Fayetteville, N. C.

c. Hamlet, N. C. observers stated the object resembled a balloon or blimp and appeared to be twenty (20) or thirty (30) feet in diameter.

d. Newberry, S. C. observers stated that the object appeared there shortly before 1700 hours; was traveling at a slow rate of speed; flying irratically; apparently without any set direction or purpose, though it moved away from Newberry toward Greenwood, S. C.

e. Several Greenwood, S. C. observers stated the object resembled a streak of smoke, fifteen (15) or twenty (20) feet long similar to a portion of a letter written by a skywriter aircraft, though no aircraft was visible or was heard at that time. Three observers, however, stated that the object was round, shiny, and had a black spot under it.

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Spot Intelligence Report (File 24-400) cont'd

It was traveling at a slow rate of speed in a southwesterly direction.

f. At Charlotte, N. C. it was reported that a B-36 type bomber passed over Charlotte at 40,000 feet enroute to Eglin AFB, Florida at approximately the same time of the appearance of the unidentified object over the other cities. Charlotte is forty (40) miles north of the course of the unidentified object. A true course from Charlotte, N.C. to Eglin AFB, Florida would cross the course of the unknown object at approximately 35°, about ten (10) miles northeast of Greenwood and about 130 miles southwest of Hamlet.

g. All observers stated that the object did not resemble any type of aircraft, i.e., there were no wings, portholes, exhaust or smoke trails visible.

h. The weather condition for this vicinity was as follows:

Visibility - Better than ten (10) miles.
Temperature - 33° to 63° F.
Wind - Southwest, two (2) to three (3) miles per hour.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 29 December 1949 an unknown object was observed over Fayetteville, N. C. moving in a southwesterly direction toward Hamlet, N. C.

b. On 29 December 1949, Hamlet, N. C. observers stated that an object resembling a balloon or blimp passed over that city at approximately 1645 hours.

(1) [redacted] former Air Force pilot, took out after the object in a light airplane. He was unable to overtake it, but from a distance it appeared to be a large metal ball. [redacted] stated that it did not appear to be going fast but disappeared from his view as he drew near it.

(2) Other observers stated that the object, witnessed by them at the same time as by [redacted], appeared to be a balloon or blimp, approximately twenty (20) or thirty (30) feet in diameter and definitely was not saucer-shaped.

c. Observers at Newberry, S.C. stated that a strange object appeared over that city shortly before 1700 hours. It was traveling at a slow rate of speed, flying irratically, and did not appear to have any set direction or purpose, though it disappeared from Newberry toward Greenwood, S.C.

d. At Greenwood, S. C., Mr. [redacted] Ex-Air Force pilot, Spot Intelligence Report (File 24-40C) cont'd

now instructing at [redacted] took off in a piper cub type aircraft with student pilot, [redacted] also of Greenwood, S.C., and observed the object from an altitude of 3,000 feet. They chased the object almost directly west, passing near Abbeville, S. C. and continuing to the Georgia line, giving up the chase due to darkness. Mr. [redacted] estimated the elevation of the object at about 6,000 feet and stated that he could not gain any speed on the object, although, it seemed to be drifting. His description of the object was that of "smoke used in sky writing but the object never drifted apart, although the shape varied somewhat. It seemed almost like a long ribbon of paper fluttering." Several other residents of Greenwood, S.C. agreed with Mr. [redacted] in his description of the object.

e. Mr [redacted] S. C., stated that he sighted the object over that city at approximately 1700 hours and estimated the altitude at approximately 30,000 feet. Mr. [redacted] believed that the object was a vapor trail left by a high flying aircraft, although, he did not see or hear any aircraft at that time. Mr. [redacted] described the object as being cone-shaped and grey or silver in color; and added that True Magazine had interviewed him in regard to this object.

f. [redacted] who observed the object from the same plane as Mr. [redacted] stated that the object took many shapes and at one time took the shape of a crescent. Mr. [redacted] added that he had seen many vapor trails but he had never observed one that stayed together as this object did.

g. Mr. [redacted] Service, Greenwood, S.C., described the object as did Mr [redacted] and Mr. [redacted], and added that the altitude of the object could not have been more than eight thousand (8,000) or ten thousand (10,000) feet high.

h. Mr. [redacted] of near Greenwood, S. C., stated that they saw an object at approximately 1630 hours that was round, shiny with a black spot under it. It was "quite a was" from them and was traveling at a slow rate of speed.

i. Mr. [redacted] Columbia, S.C., who was hunting [redacted] near Greenwood, S.C., stated that he saw an object as described by [redacted] and [redacted] and observed it for at least thirty (30) minutes while it hovered over one spot and then shot off through the sky at a terrific rate of speed. Mr. [redacted] added, "I thought I was seeing things until I heard that other people had seen the object too."

j. Mr. [redacted] and [redacted], both of Greenwood, S.C., were returning from Charlotte, N. C. by aircraft and stated that they saw an object similar to a vapor trail but lost it over Lake Greenwood. It was headed toward Abbeville, S. C.

k. A report from the control tower at Charlotte, N. C. indicated that a B-36 type bomber passed over Charlotte, N. C. at 40,000 feet enroute to Eglin AFB, Florida at approximately the same time of the appearance of the unknown object over the other cities. Many observers indicated that the vapor trails seen from this B-36 type aircraft were believed to be the unknown object that was witnessed at Fayetteville and Hamlet, N. C. and Greenwood, S. C., but a true course from Charlotte, N.C. to Eglin AFB, Florida would cross the course of the unidentified object, ten (10) miles northeast of Greenwood and approximately 130 miles southwest of Hamlet at approximately 35°. When observers in Greenwood, S. C. were informed of the B-36 type aircraft in their vicinity at the same time as they had witnessed this unknown object, those that commented stated that they may have seen vapor trails but they were not at 40,000 feet. (see attached map.)

l. All observers stated that the object did not resemble any type of aircraft, i.e., there were no wings, portholes, exhaust or smoke trails visible, nor did they see any type of aircraft in the vicinity of the unknown object.

m. The official weather forecast from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Greenville, S. C., for the vicinity in which the object was cited is as follows:

Visibility - Better than ten (10) miles.
Temperature - 33° to 63° F.
Wind - Southwest two (2) to three (3) mph.

3. ACTION:

a. A preliminary investigation was made by this office in accordance with existing directives but was discontinued upon receipt of AFCSI Letter 85, dated 6 February 1950.

b. In view of the statements made by the observers, as indicated above, and newspaper accounts attached, it is believed that more than one object was witnessed, and due to the fact that some of the observers were well qualified to evaluate what they saw, it is believed that this incident warrants further investigation. Request that this office be authorized to make further investigation.

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1. Photostatic cy of newspaper clipping
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ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: 30 DECEMBER 1949

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'NOT SAUCER-SHAPED'

Mystery 'Object' Sails Over Carolinas

HAMLET, N. C.—(AP)—A mysterious object moving southwestward through the sky had scores of Carolinians agog yesterday.

The object, on which descriptions varied, was first spotted at Fayetteville, about 50 miles northeast of Hamlet at about 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

It was sighted again over Hamlet at about 4:45 p. m. and reports came from Greenwood, S. C., yesterday that the mysterious object passed westward over that city shortly after 5 p. m.

Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville.

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting the object. And at Hamlet and Greenwood, it was chased for several minutes by four pilots.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a vertical neon lighting tube.

At Greenwood, two pilots said it appeared to be a streak of smoke about 15 or 20 feet long coming from an unseen plane. But the object, pilots said, retained its shape during the 10 or 15 minutes that they followed it.

Ground observers all said that it drifted into the direction of the setting sun. But the four pilots who chased it at Hamlet and Greenwood said they were unable to gain on it in their light planes.

At Greenwood, Joe Poole, one of the pilots, reported that the thing appeared to be flying at about 8,000 feet. He and W. C. Ashley rose to about 3,000 feet in their light plane in trying to overtake it. Their attention to it was directed by Mayor A. H. Woodle, of Greenwood, who viewed it over the city.

The Weather Bureau at Charlotte said that the object apparently was not a weather balloon. But Pop Field Airbase officials at Fayetteville said that it very likely could have been such a balloon.

At Hamlet, Phillips Gibbons, a former Air Force pilot, took out after it in another light plane. Gibbons said it quickly disappeared when he drew near. It definitely was not saucer-shaped, he asserted.

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INDEX JOURNAL Dated 30 DECEMBER 1948
GREENWOOD, So. CAR.

No Explanation Yet For Object Seen In Skies Wednesday Afternoon

There was still no explanation today for the flying object that marked a mystery-streaked trail for 200 miles across the Carolinas Wednesday afternoon.

Observers attached significance to the fact that its path was straight for 200 miles. They noted also that after its 4:30 p. m. appearance in Fayetteville it was seen at Hamlet, 45 miles away, a few minutes later, and at Greenwood, more than 150 miles away, shortly after 5 o'clock.

In addition to these towns residents of Newberry and Chesterfield spotted the object.

Ralph McDaniel of the Mt. Moriah section telephoned in about 4:30 yesterday afternoon that he and Courtland Lewis had seen something in the skies immediately before, but no other report was heard on this object. He said that it was a round, shining object with a black spot under it, a good ways off and traveling slow.

S. M. Wall spotted the other object Wednesday while traveling the Johnston road.

William Shields, director of the Columbia city tree department in Columbia, reported seeing it while hunting near Greenwood Wednesday afternoon about 5:30. He said that he watched it for at least 30 minutes while it hovered in one spot and then shot off through the sky at a terrific rate of speed.

"I thought I was seeing things until I heard that other people had seen the object too," Shields said.

Newberry observers reported that it was flying erratically and apparently without any set course or purpose.

"When seen the object was flying along at a very slow speed on a course parallel to the ground, then it veered off in another direction and seemed to be descending slightly," Newberrians said.

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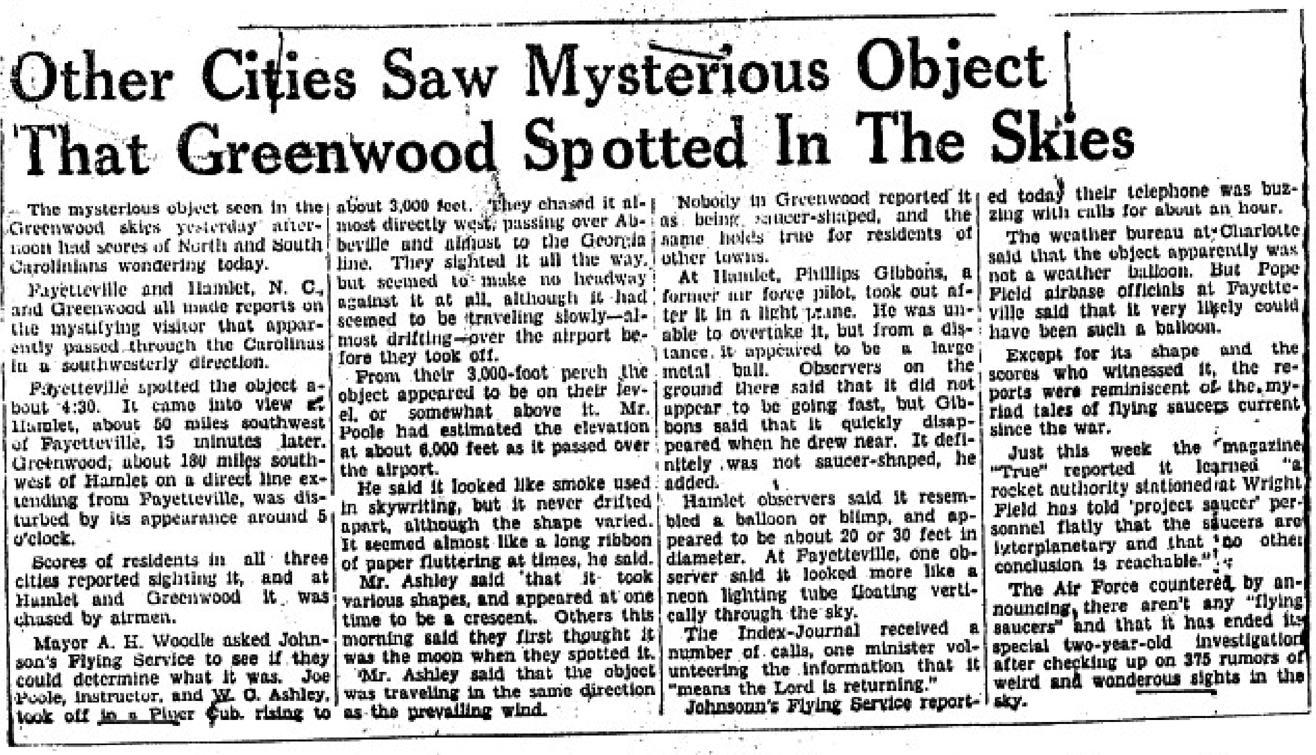

Other Cities Saw Mysterious Object That Greenwood Spotted In The Skies

The mysterious object seen in the Greenwood skies yesterday afternoon had scores of North and South Carolinians wondering today.

Fayetteville and Hamlet, N. C., and Greenwood all made reports on the mystifying visitor that apparently passed through the Carolinas in a southwesterly direction.

Fayetteville spotted the object about 4:30. It came into view at Hamlet, about 50 miles southwest of Fayetteville, 15 minutes later. Greenwood, about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville, was disturbed by its appearance around 5 o'clock.

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting it, and at Hamlet and Greenwood it was chased by airmen.

Mayor A. H. Woodle asked Johnson's Flying Service to see if they could determine what it was. Joe Poole, instructor, and W. O. Ashley, took off in a Piper Cub, rising to about 3,000 feet. They chased it almost directly west, passing over Abbeville and almost to the Georgia line. They sighted it all the way, but seemed to make no headway against it at all, although it had seemed to be traveling slowly—almost drifting—over the airport before they took off.

From their 3,000-foot perch the object appeared to be on their level, or somewhat above it. Mr. Poole had estimated the elevation at about 6,000 feet as it passed over the airport.

He said it looked like smoke used in skywriting, but it never drifted apart, although the shape varied. It seemed almost like a long ribbon of paper fluttering at times, he said.

Mr. Ashley said that it took various shapes, and appeared at one time to be a crescent. Others this morning said they first thought it was the moon when they spotted it.

Mr. Ashley said that the object was traveling in the same direction as the prevailing wind.

Nobody in Greenwood reported it as being saucer-shaped, and the same holds true for residents of other towns.

At Hamlet, Phillips Gibbons, a former air force pilot, took out after it in a light plane. He was unable to overtake it, but from a distance it appeared to be a large metal ball. Observers on the ground there said that it did not appear to be going fast, but Gibbons said that it quickly disappeared when he drew near. It definitely was not saucer-shaped, he added.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a neon lighting tube floating vertically through the sky.

The Index-Journal received a number of calls, one minister volunteering the information that it "means the Lord is returning."

Johnsonn's Flying Service reported today their telephone was buzzing with calls for about an hour.

The weather bureau at Charlotte said that the object apparently was not a weather balloon. But Pope Field airbase officials at Fayetteville said that it very likely could have been such a balloon.

Except for its shape and the scores who witnessed it, the reports were reminiscent of the myriad tales of flying saucers current since the war.

Just this week the magazine "True" reported it learned "a rocket authority stationed at Wright Field has told 'project saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that 'no other conclusion is reachable.'"

The Air Force countered by announcing there aren't any "flying saucers" and that it has ended its special two-year-old investigation after checking up on 375 rumors of weird and wonderous sights in the sky.

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INDEX JOURNAL, Dated 31 DECEMBER 1949
GREENWOOD SO. CAR.

Charlotte Says Strange "Object" Seen Wednesday Was Vapor Trail

The Charlotte airport says we can all forget about the strange object that drifted across the Carolina states Wednesday, variously described and widely observed over the two states.

It was a vapor trail left by a high flying air plane, the control tower and the Air National Guard there says. The same thing was observed there yesterday, the Associated Press reports.

The control tower, with the aid of glasses, identified the plane as a B-38 bomber. First Lieut. E. C. Griffith of the Air National Guard, who was flying at the time, picked up the plane's position report by radio, which placed it at an altitude of 40,000 feet en route to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

The vapor trail, a silvery streak etched against a clear blue sky, seemed to drift lazily across Charlotte, disappearing eventually to the southwest.

Reports from many sections of the two states described the vapor trail as the same airborne "object" sighted last Wednesday.

Luther Johnson, at Johnson's Flying Service here, says the object seen here Wednesday could have been a vapor trail; but it was not 40,000 feet high.

Mr. Johnson says that Jimmie Hodges and I. W. Dixon were returning from Charlotte yesterday when the object was sighted. They followed it all the way to Greenwood, but lost it some place over Lake Greenwood. It was headed to the right of Abbeville, he said, whereas the object Wednesday went slightly to the left of Abbeville.

Mr. Hodges and Mr. Dixon went up to 6,000 feet yesterday to observe the object.

W. C. Ashley, one of the occupants of the plane that went aloft Wednesday to get a closer view, says that he remembers vapors from planes resembling this object while in naval service. They held together for a good while, he says, but he never saw any change shape as this one did.

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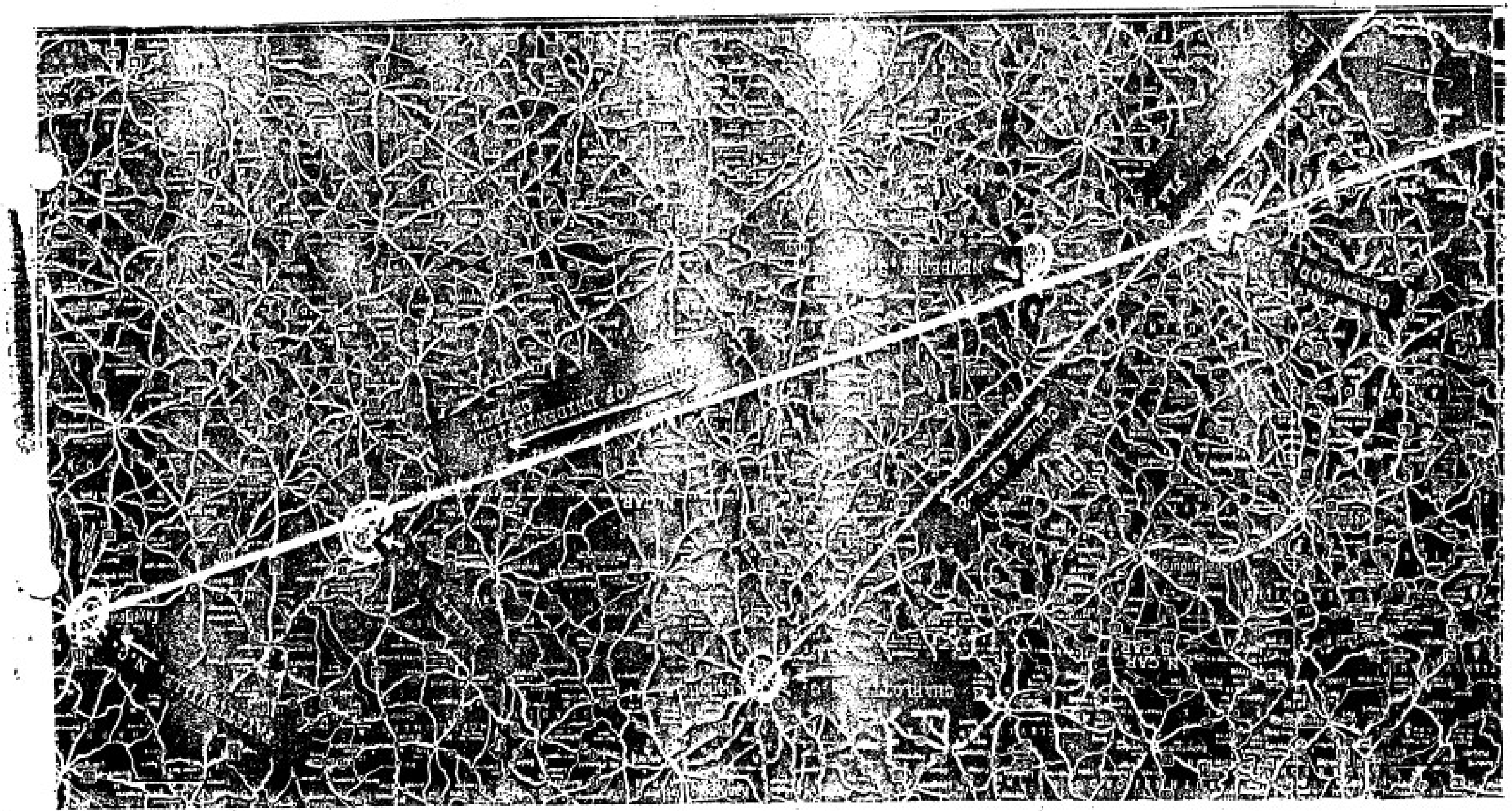

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: 0 Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
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Washington 25, D. C.

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1. **SYNOPSIS:**

An unidentified flying object was sighted over the Atlanta, Ga. Municipal Airport at approximately 1130 hours on 18 March 1950. Among the observers were three experienced pilots who stated that the object was round, oval or spherical, had no wings, left no smoke or vapor trail, traveled and climbed at a tremendous rate of speed and glinted in the sun like metal or aluminum. The weather report for that date showed light cirrus clouds, scattered to broken at 30,000 feet, with a wind from the West at 20 to 35 knots above 6,000 feet. The object disappeared in a westerly, upward direction, having been in sight less than one minute.

2. **DETAILS:**

On 19 March 1950, the Atlanta Constitution, an Atlanta, Ga. newspaper, reported that a flying disc scouted Atlanta, Georgia on the previous morning. This unidentified object was said to have been sighted over the Atlanta Municipal Airport at 1130 hours by [redacted] and the following named pilots:

E. C. DANIEL
H. C. HEYWARD
JACK WEIR
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Mr. [redacted] reported that the object was in sight less than one minute and climbed faster than any jet plane he ever saw. He described it as having no wings, being round and shiny like aluminum, and flying at 20,000 to 25,000 feet. The field was busy at the time with a couple of planes "revving up" so that [redacted] did not hear any noise from the object, which appeared out of the northeast, heading southwest.

On 22 March 1950, the Atlanta Constitution reported that a flying saucer had been sighted over Arkansas on the night of 19 March 1950 by [redacted] pilot of a Chicago and Southern Airplanes plane, enroute from Memphis, Tennessee to Houston, Texas. He stated the object was flying at a tremendous rate of speed on a northerly course at about 3,000 feet altitude with conventional running lights and left no vapor trail. He described the object as circular and about the size of a DC-3. [redacted] was flying a DC-3 at about 2,000 feet at the time.

On 22 March 1950, the following pilots were interviewed at the Atlanta Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia, by this Agent regarding their sighting an unidentified object over the airport at approximately 1130 hours on 18 March 1950:

[redacted] Southern Charter Co., Municipal Airport,
Atlanta, Georgia
[redacted] Southern Charter Co., Municipal Airport,
Atlanta, Georgia
[redacted] Mooney Aircraft Distributor, Municipal
Airport, Atlanta, Georgia

The above men are experienced pilots, each with over six years flying experience. [redacted] and [redacted] are former combat bomber pilots of World War II. All the above pilots stated substantially that on 18 March 1950, at approximately 1130 hours, they sighted an object in the sky over the airport, but were unable to identify the object, which first was sighted traveling at a very slow rate of speed out of the northeast and appeared milky white in color. As it changed its position in relation to the sun it glinted in the sunlight and appeared to be metallic, probably resembling aluminum. Its shape was variously described as oval, round or spherical. [redacted] drew a rough sketch of the object which appeared oval. All agreed that it was in sight less than one minute; maintained its slow speed and southwesterly course from 12 to 15 seconds, then suddenly disappeared upward and toward the West at a rate of speed faster than any the observers had ever before witnessed. All observers are familiar with modern jet type aircraft and stated the speed of a jet plane could not compare with the speed of this object. After starting to climb, the object disappeared in a clear sky in less than 5 seconds. Due to the short period of observation and the fact that the size of the object was not known in relation to other objects or aircraft, Ltr to HQ OSI, subject: Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY; from Hq. 6th Dist OSI (IG), dated 29 March 1950 - Continued

the observers were hesitant about estimating its size or altitude. [redacted] stated that if the altitude of the object was about 15,000 feet then he would estimate the diameter of the object as being about the same as the wing span on a C-47 airplane. Due to noise of airplane engines on the field, the observers were unable to hear any sound that might have been made by the object. They observed no smoke or vapor trails from the object, neither could they tell whether it had any windows, exhaust, engines, etc. The outside surface appeared to be smooth. There were a few scattered clouds, but for the most part the sky was clear and there was a light ground wind. At no time did the object pass through or behind a cloud, and at no time was it obscured by clouds. Its motion was smooth and rapid.

The 1000 hour weather report and winds aloft report at the Municipal Airport for 18 March 1950 indicated that there were thin cirrus clouds with a thirty percent coverage at 30,000 feet at 1100 hours, increasing to sixty percent coverage at 1200 hours. The wind at 1000 hours was 20 knots at 270 degrees, or from the west, at 6000 feet; 35 knots, 270 degrees at 11,000; constant at 35 knots, 270 degrees above 11,000. A weather balloon was released at 1000 hours, and no second release was made.

The weather report indicates that the object sighted by the observers probably was not a weather balloon. Since the object disappeared heading into the wind and upwards, its speed and motion could not have been caused by a 35 knot wind.

3. ACTION:

In compliance with AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950, no action has been taken.

Eugene C. Cropper
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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

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APR 21 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft over South Carolina on 9 March 1950.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS:

a. An unidentified aerial object, concerning which descriptions varied, was sighted on 9 March 1950, moving west through the sky over Orangeburg, South Carolina. First sighted at 1820 hours, the object was visible until 1835 hours; traversing about 45 degrees across the sky in this time.

b. At least five persons in Orangeburg viewed the slowly moving object.

c. At approximately the same time, four persons en route to Orangeburg in an automobile viewed the object while they were some fifteen miles to the north of Orangeburg.

d. Near Florence, South Carolina, approximately eighty (80) air miles northeast of Orangeburg, South Carolina, a farmer reported seeing an unidentified aerial object floating overhead at 1830 hours, 9 March 1950.

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2. DETAILS:

a. On 9 March 1950, an unidentified object was observed over Orangeburg, South Carolina, moving west through the sky.

(1) Mrs. [redacted] of the Orangeburg, South Carolina TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, was apparently the first person in Orangeburg to sight the object. At the time Mrs. [redacted] first saw the object, it was almost directly overhead, had a vapor trail attached to it, and seemed disk-shaped, rolling and tumbling in the sky. She ran to the newspaper office to notify others.

(2) [redacted] for the TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, a veter[redacted] with flying experience in B-29's during the war, stated that he noticed the object at approximately 1820 hours. At this time, the sky was blue, there were no clouds, and the sun was setting. The object appeared to have broken from a vapor trail and was moving very slowly, like an object floating in a glass of water. M[redacted] estimated the altitude of the object to be 15,000 to 20,000 feet. To him, it appeared yellow in color, changing in shape from that of a flat saucer to an oval-shaped object. The object appeared to have come from the north and was going southwest, down or toward the horizon.

(3) [redacted] editor of the Orangeburg, South Carolina TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, a navigator in B-17's during the war, stated that he saw the object several minutes after his wife first sighted it. At this time, the object had broken clear of its vapor trail. His description of the object agreed with that of his wife.

b. Mr. and Mr[redacted], Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] Route #3, Orangeburg, South Carolina, reported seeing an object in the sky at approximately 1825 hours, 9 March 1950. At this time, all were in an automobile, enroute to Orangeburg from Columbia, South Carolina, and were approximately

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fifteen (15) miles north of Orangeburg. The object appeared to the right (west) of their automobile, turning slowly, moving erratically down and toward the horizon and the setting sun. The sky was blue and very clear. Mrs. [redacted] saw the object before it broke away from a vapor trail; this vapor trail appearing red in color to her. All of the occupants of the automobile agreed the vapor trail seemed to stand still, but the object turned left and right, seeming to pass through the vapor trail at times. The object appeared to them to be the size of a large dinner plate. All of these individuals stated the object was very bright, shining like the sun shining on a mirror.

c. [redacted] who was farming near Florence, South Carolina, reported sighting an aerial object in the sky overhead at 1830 hours, 9 March 1950. The object appeared tremendous in size to him, much larger than any airplane. Moving slowly in a southerly direction, the object resembled an airplane and was followed by a long tail. Mr. [redacted] watched the object for about fifteen (15) minutes and called some helpers to watch also.

3. ACTION:

a. In accordance with AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950, a preliminary investigation was made by this office only for the purpose of obtaining information for the submission of this spot report.

Eugene C. Cropper
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- #1 - Photostatic cy newspaper clipping (Morning Paper, Charleston, S. C.)
- #2 - Photostatic cy newspaper clipping (Times and Democrat, Orangeburg, S. C.)
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- #4 - Photostatic cy of map of area.

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MORNING PAPER - CHARLESTON, S. C.
10 March 1950

Florence Man Sees Flying Object Resembling Plane

FLORENCE, March 9. (UP): A man farming near Florence said he saw a "tremendous object" resembling an airplane and followed by a "long tail" floating overhead at 6:30 tonight.

Florence officials of the civil aeronautics authority said they had received no reports on the object. They speculated that it might have been a blimp towing an advertising trailer.

Couldn't Happen Here

ROME, (P) — Photo-engraving shops here, unhampered by U. S. Treasury regulations, prominently display expert black and white reproductions of American dollar bills as evidence of their skill. One shop has a display of $10 bills in various sizes, ranging from "life size" to three-inch-long specimens which can be used as bookmarks.

Crescent-Like Disk Seen In Orangeburg

ORANGEBURG, March 9. (UP): Six members of The Orangeburg Times and Democrat staff were among persons who saw a "flying saucer" disappear in the western sky late today.

They described it as appearing about the size of a new moon and the same color "except brighter". It was visible for about 15 minutes, they said, and left a vapor trail.

The first person known to have seen it was Mrs. Donald Law, wife of the city editor of the newspaper. She hurried to his office and notified Law, who was joined by other members of the staff.

Publisher J. L. Sims, one of the group, said it appeared to turn slowly in the air, from vertical to parallel with the horizon, and then vertical again.

Harry Player, a composing room employe, and four other persons saw it while driving on a highway 15 miles out of Orangeburg and gave similar descriptions.

Dennis Powers, another staff member, saw a vapor trail while on his way home but did not see the object that left it.

All the witnesses considered it doubtful that they saw an airplane or other common occupant of the skies.

Morning Paper — Charleston, S.C.
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THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Friday, 10 March 1950

'Flying Saucer' Seen Here; Witnesses Say Real McCoy

A "flying saucer" made its way slowly across the Orangeburg sky yesterday and sank with the setting sun.

The strange object was viewed by at least five persons who stood on Memorial Plaza and saw the bright-shining disk leaving a vapor trail high in the sky.

Observers who saw the apparition could offer no explanation for it. It was hardly possible that it could be confused with a cloud, the moon, a weather balloon or conventional or jet aircraft, they said.

and Mrs. Law saw it as it seemed to break away from the bapor trail and continue its way westward.

Vapor trails are created by conventional aircraft only at certain levels of the atmosphere, usually at 20,000 feet and above.

With Mr. Player also were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips. Viewing the object in Orangeburg were Mr. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Law, T. M. Rogers and Turner Carlton.

As the disk moved slowly into the west after first appearing in the north, it was tilted at about 30 degrees from vertical. However, the degree of tilt changed and at times it seemed to be almost vertical.

First seen in Orangeburg at about 6:20, the disk was visible until 6:35, when it sank out of sight. During that time, it traversed about 45 degrees across the sky.

AT FLORENCE TOO

FLORENCE, March 9 — — A man farming near Florence said he saw a "tremendous object" resembling an airplane and followed by a "long tail" floating overhead at 6:30 tonight.

J. W. Wallace said the craft was much larger than an airplane and moved slowly in a southerly direction. He watched it for about 15 minutes.

"It was the fooiest - looking thing I ever saw in my life," Wallace told a reporter. "I called some of the helpers to watch so no one would think I'm crazy."

Florence officials of the Civil Aeronautics Authority said they had received no reports on the object. They speculated it might have been a blimp towing an advertising trailer.

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THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Friday, 10 March 1950

Confessions of An Admitted Flying Saucer Witness

By DONALD M. LAW

"You'll be all right in the morning," my co-workers said.

"Sure, sure, you saw a flying saucer. Just get a good night's sleep and you'll forget all about it," said a voice from the sports department. There were veiled references to nice rest homes where I could go quietly.

Nevertheless, I saw a flying saucer yesterday.

It wasn't a weather balloon. It wasn't a B-36 at 40,000. It wasn't a cloud.

I don't believe in flying saucers. They're something folks see because they read about other people who saw them, I always figured.

This one was shown to me by my wife, who ran a good two blocks with our two-year-old in her arms, to tell me. As an ex-newspaperwoman, she knew a flying saucer when she saw it.

I don't know anything about men from Mars, Russian weapons and midget pilots — two-headed or otherwise.

But this disk was just about the shape of a saucer. It glowed brightly and it was tilted in the air. It moved slowly, but swiftly enough for me to see it moving.

There was a long vapor trail. I've seen vapor trails from underneath and from above and this was similar to those made by highflying planes. But I never saw a plane shaped like a saucer.

My fellow newspapermen have been very considerate of me since I saw the flying saucer. One even offered me a cigarette. I couldn't even eat without my restauranteur Jack Nolen, making a crack about cups and saucers.

And unless somebody finds out what the contraptions are, I may go through life marked as the fellow that saw a flying saucer.

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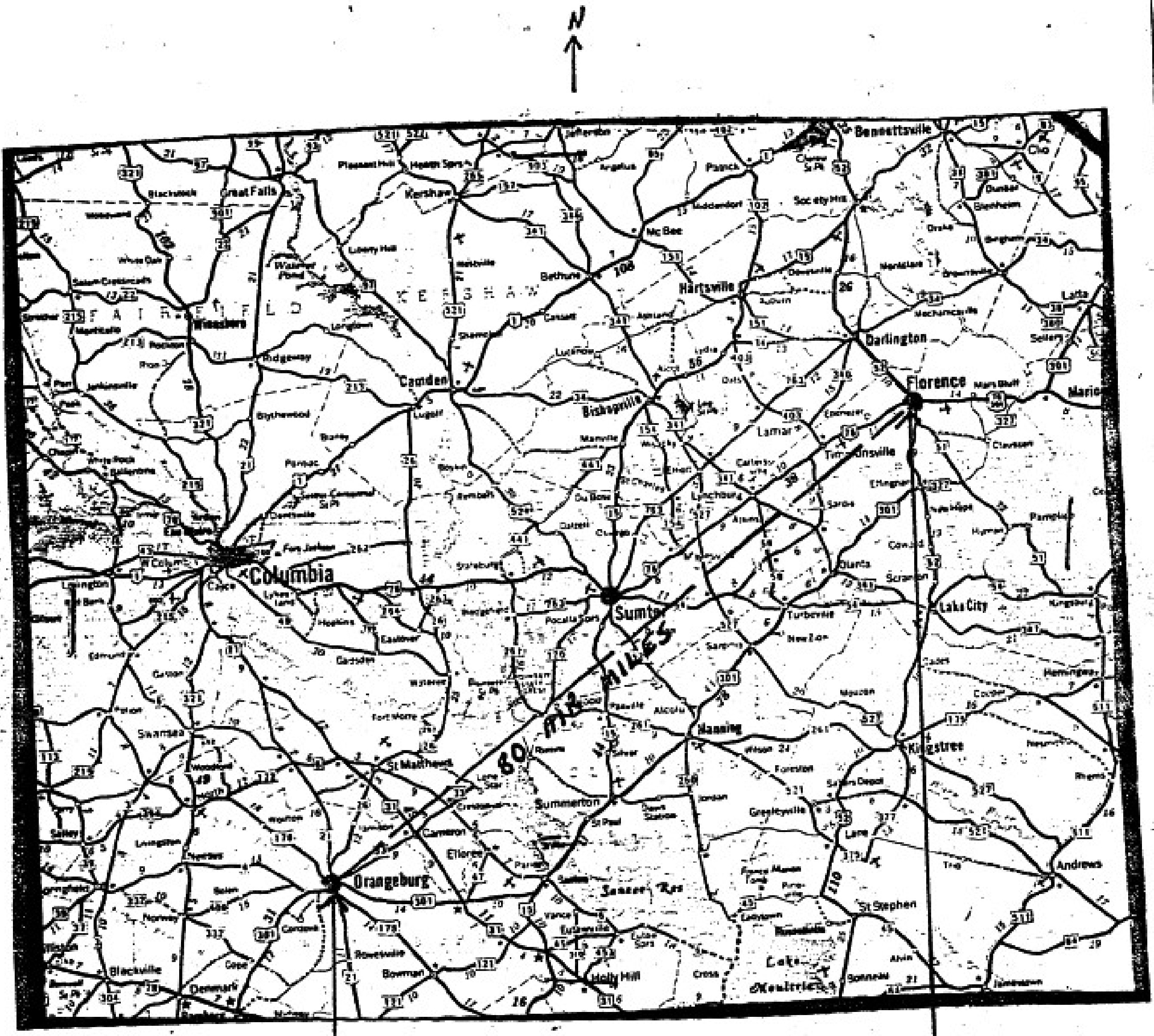
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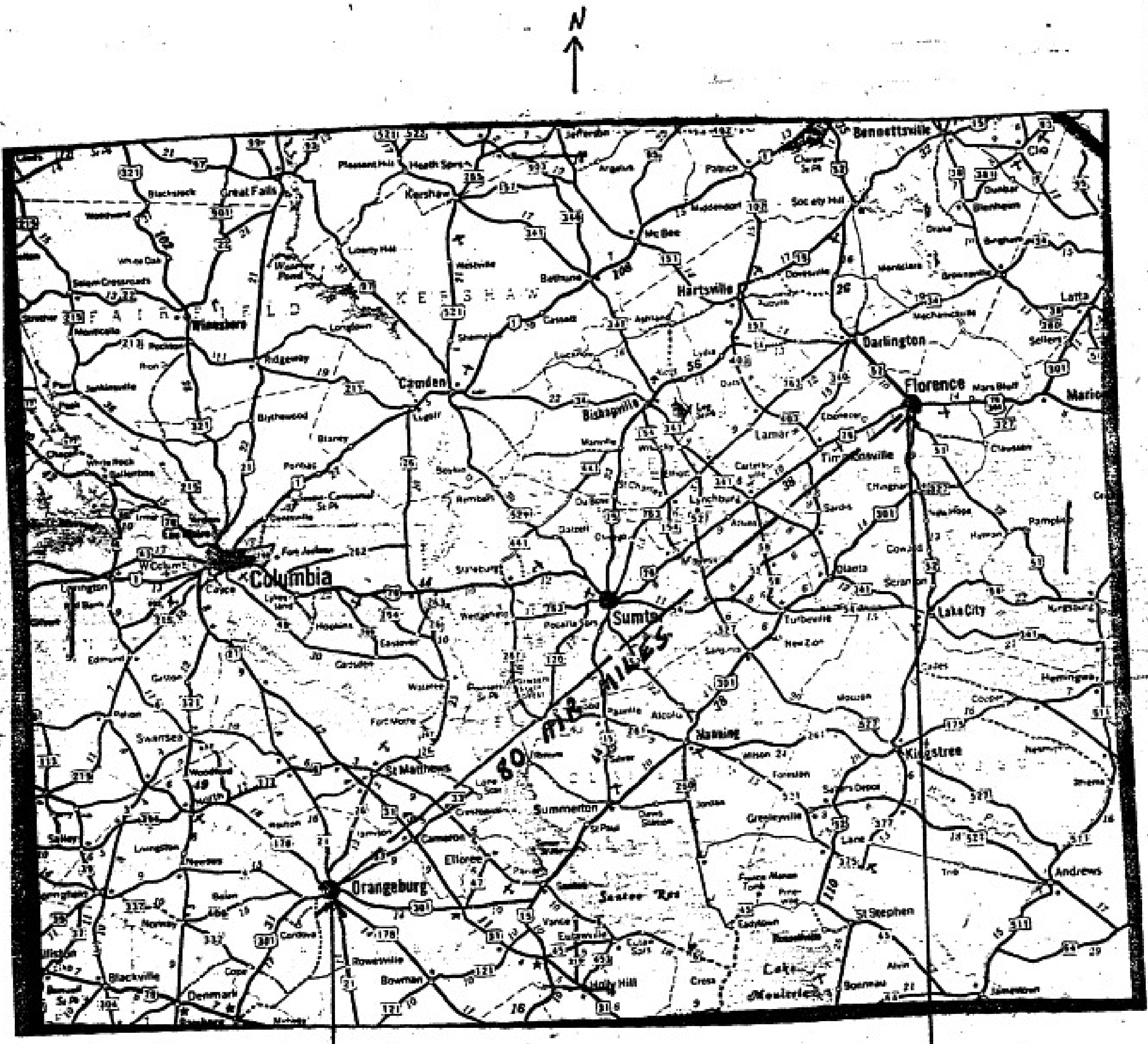
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-40C APR 25 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D.

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR
BY K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian 4 DEC 1975
DATE

1. SYNOPSIS:

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Robins Air Force Base, Georgia at approximately 0400 hours on 10 April 1950 by S/Sgt LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR., AF 14015031, and Captain CHARLES H. McMAHON, both of Station Hospital, Robins AFB, Georgia.

Sgt. HARRELL first sighted the object, which, according to his statement, attached as Exhibit #1, appeared to be connected with a flash of light from an explosion in the vicinity of the Post Laundry. After the explosion an object with two red colored lights came towards where he was standing. On coming close to him, he stated that the object appeared to resemble a top (childrens' toy). He further stated that the object had a distinct ring around the middle and that a red light burned constantly around the outer edge; a white light was visible inside the red ring. The object made a right bank over the Hospital and disappeared over the swamp area on the Base.

After Sgt. HARRELL had seen the object he asked Captain McMAHON if he had seen the object. Captain McMAHON states in spot report of Base Intelligence Officer, attached as Exhibit #2, that the Sergeant asked him if he could "see the flying saucer in the sky". He states that he looked up and saw a moving object in the sky and glowing red.

A check of the records of the Base Control Tower, Robins AFB, Georgia indicates that no aircraft was in the air at that time.

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Checks at surrounding civilian airfields in the vicinity of Macon, Georgia indicate no aircraft in the air in their vicinity at that time. Check of Base Weather Station indicates that a weather balloon released at about 0400 hours dropped the paper lantern attached to it with lighted candle inside shortly after taking off and that this lighted lantern floated over the Hospital and the swamp area on the Base. Upon being shown this lighted lantern, Sgt. HARRELL stated that it might be the object he had seen.

2. DETAILS:

On 10 April 1950, the undersigned was advised by the Base Intelligence Officer, Major PAUL KUBALA, USAF, that he had received a report of an unidentified aerial object reported as a "flying saucer", which had been observed by two persons assigned to the Station Hospital, at about 0400 hours that morning. An Agent from this office was assigned as an observer with Major KUBALA in his interviews on this case. After the interview had progressed to a certain point, the undersigned was advised that the matter might be of interest to this office and was present during part of the interrogation conducted by Major KUBALA and assisted in the questioning.

As a result of this questioning, Major KUBALA made two spot reports on unidentified flying objects, copies of which are attached as Inclosures #2 and #3, which he addressed to the Commanding General, Hqs, AMC. Subsequently, this office obtained a statement from Sgt. HARRELL, which is attached as Exhibit #1. At the time of making this statement, Sgt. HARRELL made a drawing of what he believed he had seen, which is attached as Exhibit #4. Sgt. HARRELL persisted in his description of the object he had seen and appeared to sincerely believe that he had seen an object such as he described in his statement.

Interrogation of Captain McMAHON indicated that he was not too much impressed with what he had seen and could not identify it further than he had in his interview with Major KUBALA.

Records of the Base Control Tower were examined and photostatic copies of same are attached as Exhibit #5. These records indicate that the only plane to land on the Base at about this time was the plane in which Captain McMAHON had returned from Washington at about 0330 hours. Master log of Control Tower indicates no unusual occurrences during this period. Control Tower Weather Sequence Log indicates visibility of ten (10) miles, sky clear, wind calm, at this time.

Checks at the Macon civilian airport (Cochran Field) and Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, Ga., made by Mr. BUSBEE of the Communications Station at Cochran Field indicated that no aircraft landed or was in the vicinity of these airfields between 0100 and 0500 hours, Monday, 10 April 1950.

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File 24-40C - 6th Dist OSI

Check with the Control Tower Operators at Robins AFB, Ga. on duty at 0400 hours, 10 April 1950, indicated that they had seen nothing of an unusual nature at that time.

Further check with the Weather Station, Robins AFB, Ga. indicated that they had released a weather balloon at about 0400, 10 April 1950, and that this balloon had dropped the paper lantern containing a lighted candle attached to it shortly after take-off. This lantern had floated over the Hospital and into the swamp. A similar lantern was obtained from the Weather Section and after being lit was shown to Sgt. HARRELL, who stated that this object might be similar to what he had seen, but that he still believed he had seen an object such as he described in his statement. (A weather device with a similar attachment is shown on the first page of the Air Force Times issue of 15 April 1950, which had also been described as a "flying saucer".) A picture of this object lighted is attached as Exhibit #6.

3. ACTION TAKEN:

In compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 February 1950, no action was taken on this matter.

Copies of this report have been submitted to the Commanding General, WRAMA, Robins AFB, Georgia.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

6 Incls:
1. Statement of S/Sgt HARRELL
2. Spot Rpt, Base I.O., dtd 11 Apr 50
3. Spot Rpt, Base I.O., dtd 11 Apr 50
4. Drawing of S/Sgt HARRELL
5. Photostatic cys of Base Control Tower Reports
6. Photos of lighted paper lantern

Harrell, Lovett C. Jr
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STATEMENT

STATEMENT TAKEN BY: .... STATION: Robins AFB, Georgia

DATE: 12 April 1950

STATEMENT OF LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR. (S/Sgt) AF-14015031
(NAME AND RANK) (SERIAL NUMBER)

2795th Medical Group, Robins AFB, Ga.
(ORGANIZATION)

MY NAME IS LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR. I WAS BORN ON THE .... DAY OF .... 19.... AT ....
(CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE)

I WAS INDUCTED ENLISTED COMMISSIONED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ON THE .... DAY OF .... 19.... AT ....

I, LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR. S/Sgt. AF-14015031
(NAME) (RANK) (SERIAL NUMBER)

(ORGANIZATION), 2795th Medical Group, Robins AFB, Ga. PRIOR TO MAKING THE STATEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, HAVE HAD EXPLAINED TO ME THE 24TH ARTICLE OF WAR BY Lt. Col Eugene C. Cropper WHO HAS IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO ME AS A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT I CANNOT BE COMPELLED TO INCRIMINATE MYSELF OR TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE ANSWER TO WHICH MAY TEND TO INCRIMINATE ME, OR TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS NOT MATERIAL TO THE ISSUE WHEN SUCH ANSWER MAY TEND TO DEGRADE ME; THAT I DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT, AND THAT ANY STATEMENT I MAY MAKE MAY BE USED AGAINST ME IN A COURT OF LAW. I HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED OF MY RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY OR COUNSEL. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND ACCORD, WITHOUT THREAT OR FEAR OF PUNISHMENT AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR PROMISE OF IMMUNITY OR REWARD:

I left my home, 354 A Mulberry at approximately 0330 hours 10 April 1950 to go over to Base Hospital, Robins AFB, Ga. to work.

After arriving at hospital I paid cab driver while in the cab and got out to enter the hospital. I noticed a V-shaped flash of light which seemed to be an explosion in vicinity of the Post Laundry.

Then I noticed two red colored lights coming which I figured was an airplane. As the object neared it became more distinct. I could not hear any motors or noise of any kind. The night was perfectly clear, no wind blowing, stars out. The object came on overhead where it resembled a top that kids have that spins from the handle being pushed down. The bottom of the object was sloped and a distinct ring around the middle. There was a red light which burned constantly around outer edge and a white light, sort

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of a reflection was visible inside the red ring. The object seemed to come to a complete standstill and wobbled in doing so. After gaining speed the object righted itself. It made a sharp right bank over the hospital and gradually banked back to the left where it reached the swamp area and disappeared out of sight by gaining altitude. Capt. McMann, Dental Officer from hospital arrived in front a few minutes after I did. I asked the Captain if he could see anything in the sky. He said, "Yes there it goes whatever it is."

I estimate the height of the object as 500 or 700 feet. The speed of the object seemed to be slow until it made the right bank. I would not even attempt to estimate the speed of the bank.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of 2 pages, and it has been read to me. Before executing oath I have been given the opportunity to make any modifications, additions, or corrections that I desire. I have signed all preceding pages and initialed all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

Further deponent sayeth not.
Sworn and subscribed to before me
this ______ day of ______ 19__.

/s/ Lovett C. Harrell
LOVETT C. HARRELL, JR.
S/Sgt., AF-14015031
2795th Medical Group

A TRUE COPY:
Daniel F. Hoyle Jr.
DANIEL F. HOYLE, JR.
1st Lt., USAF

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11 April 1950

SUBJECT: **Spot Report of Unidentified Flying Object**

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence

1. a. Observer:

S/Sgt. Lovett C. Harrell, Jr., AF 14015031
Station Hospital

b. Location: Station Hospital, Robins Air Force Base,
Robins Field, Georgia

c. Date and time: 10 April 1950 at approximately 0400 hours

d. Weather C A V U: Visibility Approximately 10 miles
Wind negligible

2. Sgt. Harrell stated that on 9 April 1950 he had retired early and had had a good night's sleep. He had not consumed any intoxicating liquor within 48 hours preceding this incident. His vision is 20/20 without glasses. He further states that he had not been listening to Henry J. Taylor's or any other commentator's radio broadcasts, nor had he read any news articles recently pertaining to flying saucers.

3. At about 0330 on the morning of 10 April 1950, S/Sgt. Harrell left his home in a taxi cab and arrived at the Base Hospital, Robins Air Force Base, at about 0345. He was reporting for duty early in order to prepare a special report which had to be submitted immediately after the commencement of business that day. As the taxi drove away and Sgt. Harrell was about to enter the building, his attention was attracted to a red flash in the South in the direction of the Base Laundry. The flash was similar to that of an explosion and appeared in the form of a "V". It appeared above the horizon at an angle of about 10 degrees. There was no noise which would indicate that an explosion had occurred. Nothing was observed falling from the sky in that direction.

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Spot Report of Unidentified Flying Object (cont'd) dtd 11 April 1950

4. Looking at the point where the flash had occurred, Sgt. Harrell saw a light approaching. At first he believed it was a plane which was on fire. He estimated the altitude to be about 600 to 700 feet. When first seen, from an oblique angle, the object had the same general appearance as a child's toy spinning top. No part of the object appeared to be spinning, turning, or revolving.

5. The object had a red glowing rim around the widest part. Behind that was a white shiny rim, and the interior portion seemed to be illuminated by a reflected white light. The red glow was constant, and appeared to have about the same brilliance as a red neon tube used in advertising signs. The color was a bright red and had no element of orange in it. It did not appear to be a burning flame. It was a steady glow. There were no sparks omitting from the object at any point. It was definitely not a flare.

6. The object approached from the South and came directly over the hospital. As it approached, it wobbled and occasionally came to a stand-still. When it passed immediately overhead, Sgt. Harrell noticed that the bottom part appeared to be about the size of a flour barrel head or about 24 inches in diameter. The overall diameter he estimated to be about 25 feet.

7. Just as it passed overhead, it hesitated momentarily, and then made a very sharp right turn toward the East. After travelling in that direction for about 100 feet, it banked again to the left and went toward the swamp (Northward). It did not tilt or heel over when it banked for turns, and acceleration was almost instantaneous. Sgt. Harrell compared the speed and acceleration with the throwing of a baseball. Over the swamp, the object gained altitude very rapidly and disappeared.

8. At no time were there any orders or sounds from the object. At that early hour of the morning, there were no other sounds which would have drowned out sounds coming from the object.

9. Only one (1) object was sighted. It was in view for about 4 or 5 minutes. Sgt. Harrell stated that his impression was that the object was undoubtedly controlled by someone, and that the movement was deliberate.

10. Immediately after the object passed overhead, Captain Charles H. McMahon came up and Sgt. Harrell asked him if he could see anything in the sky. Captain McMahon pointed to the object and said that he saw it.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

P. KUBALA
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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11 April 1950

SUBJECT: Spot Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: Chief of Intelligence

1. a. Observer:

Captain Charles H. McMahon, Station Hospital

b. Location: Station Hospital, Robins Air Force Base,
Robins Field, Georgia

c. Date and time: 10 April 1950 at approximately 0400

d. Weather C A V U: Wind negligible; Visibility - good

2. Captain Charles H. McMahon had returned to the base a few minutes before 0400 hours from a three hour airplane trip. He states that he had slept for about one or one and a half hours on the plane. He wears glasses for nearsightedness, but states his vision is corrected to 20/20. He states that he had had three (3) highballs in the evening of 9 April prior to 2200. He said he did not believe that either the drinks or fatigue were sufficient to impair his vision.

3. Captain McMahon stated that he had not listened to Henry J. Taylor's broadcasts or read recent articles on flying saucers. He said that he had read an article in the Air Force Times several months ago relative to that subject, but that he had no particular interest in aircraft or flying discs.

4. After his plane landed, Captain McMahon had some friends drive him over to the hospital. Time of his arrival at the hospital was approximately 0400. He planned to get some rest before reporting for duty for

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the day. His friends had driven away when he started into the building. He saw S/Sgt. Harrell standing in front of the building. He asked if it would be all right for him (Captain McMahon) to go in to rest for a few hours on one of the cots before reporting for duty. The Sgt. asked him if he could see the flying saucer in the sky. He looked up and saw a moving object in the sky. It was small - about the size of a star but was glowing red. The red light seemed to change in intensity. It did not blink, but faded bright and then dim, etc. It did not reflect any of its own light.

5. Captain McMahon estimated the altitude to be about 12,00 to 15,000 feet. It appeared to be eliptical in shape or resembling a child's elongated toy ballon, but did not resemble an advertising blimp. He could not estimate the speed, but said that it travelled with speed comparable to that of a slow moving aircraft. It would move, hesitate momentarily, then move again. It seemed to maintain a fairly stable course with the exception of the occasional hesitation. He did not observe it change direction, nor did it gain altitude or appear to climb. No part of the object seemed to be rotating or spinning. No exhaust was visible, and there was no odor nor was there any noise. He had not observed any flash. He stated that he did not watch the object until it went out of sight, but that after observing it for about three minutes he went into the building because he was eager to get as much rest as possible before duty hours.

6. Captain McMahon stated that if Sgt. Harrell had not mentioned "flying saucers" he would not have noticed the object, but that when he did see it, he realized that it was not an ordinary aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

P. KUBALA
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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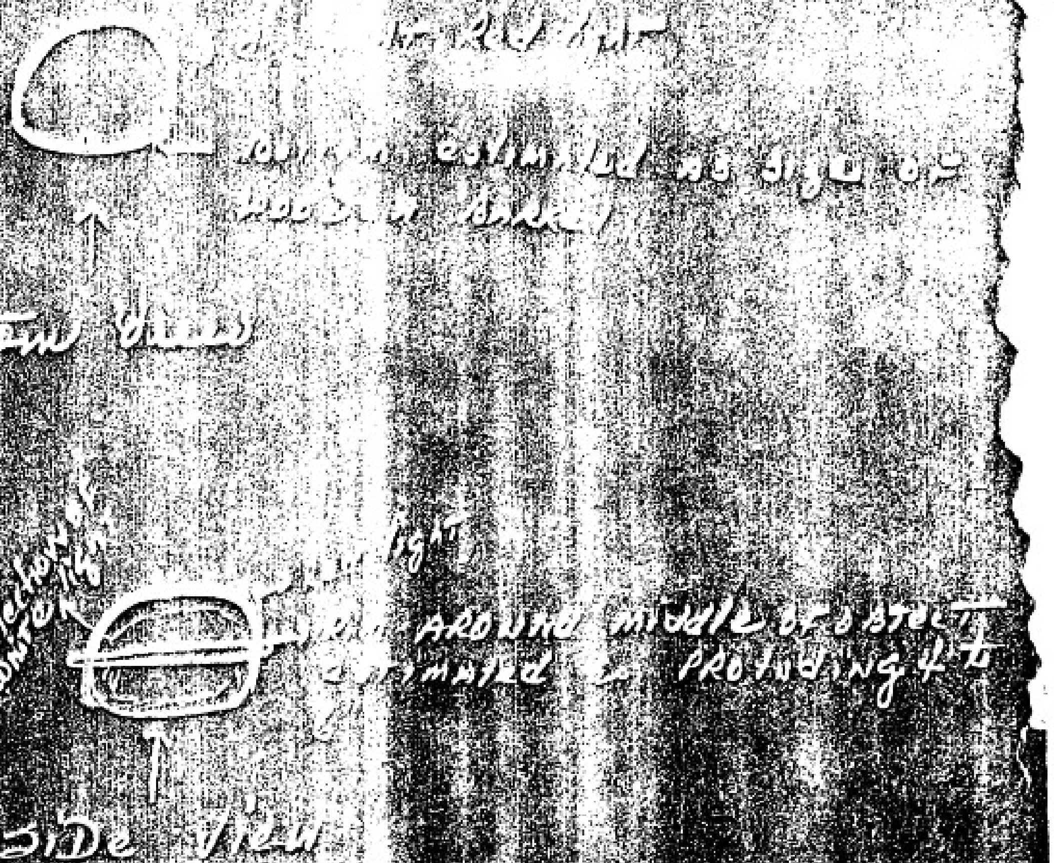
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OF OBJECT SEEN BY HIM AT ABOUT 0345 EDT
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HOSPITAL, MOODY AFB, GA.

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INBOUND MESSAGE

DAILY CONTROL TOWER OPERATIONS LOG

AIRFIELD & STATION ROBINS AFB
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TOWER CALL ROBINS TOWER

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AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
CONTROL TOWER
MASTER LOG

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INFO: CG AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
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[redacted] 10 Jul 51 [redacted]

Object sighted by 1/Lt George H Kinmon Jr, AO-565857, 160 Tac Recon Sq Lawson AFB, Ga at 1340, 9 Jul 51 until about 1350, same date. Object described as flat on top and bottom and appearing from a front view to have rounded edges and slightly beveled. From view as object dived from top of plane was completely round and spinning in a clockwise direction. From front view as object dived observer noted small spots on the object which he described as being similar to craters observed on the moon through a high powered telescope. Object did not appear to be aluminum. Only 1 object observed. Color white. No vapor trails or exhaust or visible system of propulsion. Described as traveling tremendous speed. Object appeared near Dearing, Ga, 25 miles West of Augusta, Ga, while pilot was on a rout tng flt from Lawson AFB, Ga. Pilot had leveled off at 8,500 feet altitude on a course of 247 degrees. As he leveled off, object dived from the sun in front and under the plane and continued to barrel-roll around the plane for a period of ten minutes, when it disappeared under the plane. Pilot states object was 300 to 400 feet from plane and appeared to be 10 to 15 feet in diameter. He compares its speed to that of a jet plane. Pilot states he felt disturbance in the air described as "bump" when object passed under plane. Object left the plane a few miles South of Milledgeville, Ga, and 15 to 20 miles from Macon, Ga. Pilot was flying F-51 at 270 miles per hour when object was sighted. Weather conditions .6 to .8 broken clouds. Wind 2 to 7 miles per hour. Pilot states he was in good physical condition, has 1,500 hours flying time and has been flying since 1942. Pilot flew in combat in Europe for 12 months 1944-45. Pilot considered by associates to be highly reliable, of mature judgement and a creditable observer. Pilot notified tower, Robins AFB by radio and contacted Flt Svc at Maxwell AFB. Above info obtained from Int Off, WRAMA, and from pilot at Lawson AFB. Pilot unable to take photos due to camera

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-126

17 MAR 1952

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES
SOUTH OF MCDONOUGH, GA. - 17 DEC 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding Officer
Dobbins Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

1. Reference is made to previous reports and correspondence concerning above subject.

2. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of report of investigation by Special Agent ERNEST R. HANSEN, DO#24, file 24-92, SUBJECT as above, dated 4 March 1952.

3. With the submission of this report, all logical investigative leads have been covered and developed and case is CLOSED in the files of this Office.

LEE H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-92

DATE MAR 5 1952

REPORT MADE BY Ernest R. Hansen, S/A fg

REPORT MADE AT DO #24, Chicago, Illinois

PERIOD 27 Feb 52

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #6, Robins AFB, Ga.

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REFERENCE R/I, DO #13, Lowry AFB, Colo., dtd 15 Feb 52, File: 24-84

SYNOPSIS

[redacted] identified balloon section as type used in General Mills Research Projects and same type as balloon released on 16 December 1951 from Almagordo, New Mexico, on flight 709.

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DETAILS:

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

[redacted] Aeronautical Research Laboratory, General Mills, Inc., [redacted], revealed that a balloon was released by the company research project group, of which he was a member, on 16 December 1951, from Alamogordo, New Mexico, flight 709. Mr. [redacted] described this balloon as a plastic type 37 feet in diameter with nylon shroud lines and cord, and identified the sections of plastic balloon furnished by the writer as of the same type as released on flight 709, and used in the other research projects conducted by the firm. Mr. [redacted] added that the instruments which had been attached to the forementioned balloon were found about five (5) miles southeast of McDonough, Georgia, and were returned to General Mills, Inc.

INCLOSURE

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 6, ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA

Two sections of plastic balloon described in this report, representing either the top or bottom of same, along with shroud lines, received by DO#24 from DO#14, with R/I dtd 15 Feb 52, File: 24-84.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-84 DATE 15 FEB 1952 REPORT MADE BY Frederick F. Hansen S/A hk
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 December 1951 24-[illegible]	REPORT MADE AT DO #14, Lowry AFB, Colorado PERIOD 12 February 1952 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #6, Robins AFB, Ga. STATUS RUC
CHARACTER	SPECIAL INQUIRY
REFERENCE	Rpt of S/A Morris A. Strickland, DO #6, file 24-126, dtd 6 Feb 52.

SYNOPSIS

Interviews with Colonel WRIGHT J. SHERRARD and staff members disclosed ADC not releasing balloons for radar tracking training but that ADC requested releasing agencies to furnish ADC with such information. Lt Col GEORGE W. MOXON, 2103rd Weather Squadron ADC, advised his records reflect a balloon release 0123Z, 17 Dec 1951 by General Mills Inc. flight 709, with estimated impact area in vicinity where instant balloon was found.

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DETAILS:

AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

1. Interviews conducted with Colonel WRIGHT J. SHERRARD, 5249A; Lt Colonel JAY T. ROBBINS, 5029A; and Major RICHARD F. DUTCHER, 6073A, all of the Directorate of Operations and Training, Headquarters Air Defense Command, disclosed that Air Defense Command activities were not releasing balloons for the purpose of radar tracking, but had requested that all experimental and research agencies who were releasing balloons advise Headquarters Air Defense Command of such releases to facilitate co-ordination with radar tracking activities of ADC units. Colonel SHERRARD, Lt Colonel ROBBINS, and Major DUTCHER, when shown the samples of the balloon and shroud lines for identification purposes, all advised that the material was not recognized by them as anything being used by Air Defense Command, or its subordinate activities. Colonel SHERRARD suggested that due to the proximity of Ft Benning to the area where the balloon was found, that the balloon may have been target material or other experimental material being utilized by army authorities at Ft Benning. He further suggested that Air Weather Central, Air Defense Command, be contacted for any information that organization may have to offer.

2. Lt Colonel GEORGE W. MOXON, AO 420 108, 2103rd Weather Squadron, was interviewed. Colonel MOXON advised that one of the functions of his office was to receive all information regarding balloon releases of experimental and research projects being conducted by both military and civilian activities. Colonel MOXON stated that included in the reports received by his office, were those relative to projects "Sky Hook" and "Moby Dick". In a review of Colonel MOXON's files it was ascertained that under project "Sky Hook" sponsored by General Mills Inc., a balloon had been released on 17 December 1951, 0123Z, and that it had an estimated impact zone approximately in the area where instant balloon was found. Colonel MOXON's file did not reflect any descriptive information of this balloon released by General Mills Inc., but did indicate that it was released under flight 709, and was designed to float at an altitude of 49,000 feet. Colonel MOXON suggested that Mr. [redacted] for General Mills Aeronautical Research, with headquarters at [redacted] Minneapolis 13, Minnesota, be contacted for detailed information regarding flight 709.

3. Colonel SHERRARD, Directorate of Operations and Training, and Lt Colonel MOXON, 2103rd Weather Squadron, both advised that further investigation of this matter was not desired by Air Defense Command.

4. The following resume is furnished for the information of District Office #24, not indicated as having received previous distribution of report of DO #6:

Investigation was initiated at the request of the Commanding Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base, for the purpose of establishing the identity of an object found near McDonough, Georgia, on 17

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DETAILS: (Cont'd).

December 1951. The object found was a plastic type balloon approximately 30 to 40 feet in diameter with 14 seams, nylon shroud lines and cord. The object was found approximately 300 yards from the home [redacted] McDonough, Georgia, on 17 December 1951, and it was reported by [redacted] that the object had not been there on 16 December 1951. No other equipment which could have been suspended from the balloon was found in the area.

INCLOSURE

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 24, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Illinois

Two sections of plastic balloon described in this report, representing either the top or bottom of same, along with shroud lines, are being forwarded under separate cover by registered mail.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE #24, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, Illinois

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

1. Will, upon receipt of samples of balloon, contact Mr. [redacted] General Mills Inc. Aeronautical Research [redacted]n [redacted] Will interview Mr. [redacted] relative to establishing identity of the balloon launched by them in flight 709 on 17 December 1951, and ascertain whether the sample balloon is of the type being launched by the General Mills Research Program.

2. Will permit Mr. [redacted] to examine samples of balloon for the purpose of making positive identification.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-126 DATE 6 February 1952 REPORT MADE BY Morris A. Strickland, S/A
TITLE UNIDENTIFIED BALLOON FOUND 3 MILES SOUTH OF McDONOUGH, GA. - 17 Dec. 1951	REPORT MADE AT DO #6, Robins AFB, Ga. PERIOD 19 December 1951, 5 February 1952 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #6 Robins AFB, Ga. STATUS PENDING

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REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

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SYNOPSIS

This investigation was conducted at the request of C.O., Dobbins AFB, Georgia, for establishing identity of SUBJECT. Army and AF in area could furnish no information for positive identification. Navy authorities furnished information that object was probably a balloon used by ADC for training purposes. Persons who found object described it as a plastic balloon, 30 feet in diameter, with three nylon shroud lines, and a simple cord and snap device for load suspension. Load suspension cord found cut in manner indicating blasting. Search failed to disclose an object possibly carried by a balloon. Positive identification not made.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was conducted at the request of CLAUDE P. SPENCE, Captain, USAF, Executive Officer, Dobbins AFB, for the Commanding Officer, Dobbins AFB, for the purpose of establishing the identity of an object found near McDonough, Georgia, on 17 December 1951. The object was received from Captain SPENCE and is presently in custody of OSI District Office No. 6, Robins AFB, Georgia.

AT McDONOUGH, GEORGIA

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent FRANK H. TIGNER, JR. and the writer.

3. Information was received from [redacted], wife o[redacted] McDonough, Georgia, that Mr. [redacted] McDonough, Georgia, had reported that a large object had been found by one of his tenants.

4. [redacted] was interviewed on 19 December 1951 and information was received that the object had been found by [redacted] RFD #3, McDonough, Georgia, and that [redacted] RFD #3, McDonough, Georgia, had inspected the object previous t[redacted] reporting the matter to [redacted] Sheriff of Henry County.

5. [redacted] said that, on the evening of 16 December 1951, the object was not where he had found it on 17 December 1951. At 0800 hours, [redacted] related, he had observed a large, white object in his cotton field approximately 300 yards from his house. [redacted] said he did not examine the object which was spread over "about a half acre", but reported the matter to his employers, [redacted] and [redacted]

6. [redacted] said he had examined the object on 17 December 1951 and found it to be a plastic balloon with three shroud lines which were fastened to a common metal ring in which a harness snap was fastened. The snap, according to [redacted], had a nylon cord attached to it. [redacted] said he found the "mouth" of the balloon tied shut and covered with wax. [redacted] said that the balloon, when lying on the ground as he had found it, indicated that when inflated, it would be about 30 feet in diameter. A thorough search of the area in which the object had been found revealed nothing which could have been suspended from a balloon. [redacted] and [redacted] all stated that they had not found any object which had apparently been carried by a balloon.

7. Examination of the object revealed rips and missing sections. [redacted] and [redacted] said the missing sections had been removed by persons for souvenirs prior to release to military authorities. The cord which

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[redacted] said had apparently been attached to some object which the balloon had carried, bore black marks similar to those made by blasting of such cords by explosives. No identifying marks were found on the object.

AT DOBBINS AFB, GEORGIA

8. H. E. MENICK, Captain, Weather Station, Dobbins AFB, and A. K. MONDIGO, Captain, Weather Station, Dobbins AFB, advised that the object was not one with which they were familiar. However, information was received that the Air Defense Command has initiated a program for release of plastic balloons for training in radar tracking.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

9. Information was received from LESTER ROBERTS, CPO, Leading Chief Weatherman, and C. B. McCURDY, Chief Air Controlman, Naval Air Station, Atlanta, Georgia, that this station had been alerted by USAF ADC that release of balloons of the type and size described by [redacted] was contemplated for training purposes. McCURDY further advised, after contacting USAF operators at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, via radio and furnishing information of the description of the object, that personnel at Maxwell AFB said the object was in all probability an expendable balloon used by ADC.

10. Information was received from Major ROBERT W. BUFFINGTON, Provost Marshal, and CID Agent STEEL, Fort McPherson, Georgia, that they had no information to establish the identity of the object.

AT ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA

11. Further examination of the object revealed same to be apparently tear-shaped, approximately 30 feet to 40 feet in diameter, of plastic material, with 34 seams. There is approximately 10 feet separating the seams in what appears to be the middle or center of the balloon. Samples of the balloon were taken from either the top or bottom and are being forwarded to DO#14 along with shroud lines for identification purposes.

INCLOSURE

FOR DO#14, LOWRY AFB, COLORADO

Two sections of the plastic balloon described in this report representing either the top or bottom of same, along with shroud lines. (Being forwarded under separate cover by Registered Mail, 6 February 1952).

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

FOR DO-14, LOWRY AFB, COLORADO

AT ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

1. Will, upon receipt of samples of balloon described in details of this report, conduct such inquiry as to determine if same can be identified as that type of balloon used by the Air Defense Command for training purposes.

2. Will determine from Air Defense Command whether or not further investigation concerning this case is desired.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1952, at 11:15 A. M., Mr. Sanders of the FBI called and furnished the following information:

At approximately 10:45 P. M., May 10 last, four (4) employees of the DuPont Company, employed at Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, S. C. saw four disc shaped objects approach the 400 area from the south, disappearing in a northernly direction.

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At approximately 11:05 P. M., the same employees saw two similar objects approach from the south and disappear in a northernly direction.

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At approximately 11:10 P. M., one similar object approached from the northeast and disappeared in a southwesternly direction. One more object sighted about 11:15 P. M. traveling from south to north. Employees described objects as being about fifteen inches in diameter, having yellow to gold color. All of these objects were traveling at a high rate of speed and at high altitude without any noise.

Eighth object approached the 400 area from northeast; was traveling at altitude so low it had to rise to pass over some tall tanks in 400 area. This object was also flying at high rate of speed and was noiseless.

Witnesses stated that they observed objects weaving from left to right but seemed to hold general course; also stated that due to speed and altitude they were only visible for few seconds.

AEC in Washington was advised.

No further investigation being conducted by FBI.

Maj. Roswurm

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Wrtn. 16 May

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(Restricted - Security Information) Unidentified Objects Sighted by Four Employees of the DuPont Company, Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, S. C., at 2245 Hours

Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collection Division, Dir. of Intelligence, DCS/O

21 MAY 1952

Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6
Code 192, X-140

1. On 14 May 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation telephonically furnished the following information in regard to the above subject:

"At approximately 2245 hours, May 10, 1952, four (4) employees of the DuPont Company, employed at the Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, South Carolina, saw four disc shaped objects approach the 400 area from the south, disappearing in a northerly direction.

"At approximately 2305 hours, the same employees saw two similar objects approach from the south and disappear in a northerly direction.

"At approximately 2310 hours, one similar object approached from the northeast and disappeared in a southwesterly direction. One more object sighted about 2315 hours traveling from south to north. Employees described objects as being about fifteen inches in diameter, having yellow to gold color. All of these objects were traveling at a high rate of speed and at high altitude without any noise.

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"Witnesses stated that they observed objects weaving from left to right but seemed to hold general course; also stated that due to speed and altitude they were only visible for a few seconds."

2. The Atomic Energy Commission was furnished the foregoing information by the FBI. The FBI advised that no further investigation into the matter was contemplated by that Bureau.

3. The foregoing information was telephonically furnished to Major Rosworn of your Directorate on 15 May 1952.

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23 MAY 1952

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEVY

SUBJECT: (Restricted - Security Information) Unidentified Objects Sighted by Four Employees of the DuPont Company, Savannah River Plant, Ellenton, S. C., at 2245 Hours

1. On 14 May 1952, the Federal Bureau of Investigation telephonically furnished the following information in regard to the above subject:

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> "The Atomic Energy Commission in Washington was advised.
>
> "No further investigation being conducted by FBI."

2. The names of the individuals who sighted the alleged objects were not identified.

3. I have furnished the foregoing information telephonically to Major Roswurm, Collection Control Branch, AFOIN, who requested that we report the information in the form of an R&R to the Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collection Division, AFOIN.

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4. Major Roswurm advised at this time he saw no need for further investigative action by OSI in the matter, but that he would check the report and advise us if any additional inquiry was desired.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Sabotage and Espionage Br.

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(Unclassified) Unconventional Aircraft Sighted in Greenville, S. Carolina Area 13 May 1952 — SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report from OSI District No. 6, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, dated 28 May 1952, concerning the above subject.

2. You will be kept advised of future developments in this matter.

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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

~~SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT~~

FILE NO. 24-0

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GREENVILLE,
SOUTH CAROLINA AREA - 13 MAY 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

I. SYNOPSIS: 1st Lt ARTHUR S. PALMER, 375th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence Officer, Donaldson AFB, South Carolina, received information from the Officer of the Day, 13 May 1952, that unidentified objects had been sighted by members of a group of amateur astronomers at approximately 2233 hours, EST, 13 May 1952.

II. DETAILS: (1) Mr. [redacted] Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of whom I was one gathered on the Campus of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, for an evening of observing. As we were preparing to leave, I noticed four (4) objects, modified cylinder or obloid in shape, flying at an unknown altitude on a heading of about 300 degrees. These objects were brownish orange in color and rather dull glowing in appearance.

"These objects were in a diamond formation, almost directly overhead, going on a straight course, oscillating slightly, first one side would tip up then the other. They were in sight for about five (5) seconds."

([redacted] Apartments, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

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"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST., a group of amateur astronomers of which I was one, were preparing to return home after an evening of observing from the Furman Campus located in Greenville, South Carolina. At this time, [redacted] one of the group, called our attention to what I would say were four objects, each the shape of the goose without neck or tail. They were a luminous brown or orange color, possibly translucent and flying in a diamond formation. Distance between each object was about five (5) times the width of each object.

"They were flying about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from directly overhead, on a level course heading about 330 degrees. Altitude I would say was below 1000 feet if they were about the size of geese. They were visible for about ten (10) seconds."

"Their flight was oscillating in nature, first five (5) degrees up on one side and at the same time down on the other."

(5) [redacted] Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers, of which I was one, gathered on the campus of Furman University located in Greenville, South Carolina. We were getting ready to call it an evening when [redacted] one of the group, called our attention to four (4) obloid, self-illuminated, brownish yellow objects traveling in a diamond formation. These objects were in sight for about three (3) seconds traveling on a level course slightly arced to the left on a heading of about 300 degrees.

"I was unable to estimate the altitude or speed of these objects. They traveled directly overhead, making no sound, and rather wobbling in flight. Motion was similar to heavy winged birds in flight. It was a clear, quiet night, excellent for astronomy. There was a slight ground haze over the city, however, this did not extend to the Furman campus where it was perfectly clear.

"By way of further description, I would say the objects were similar to the 'Lubbock Lights' as reported in Life magazine. Approximate size would be that of a half dollar held at arms length and slightly turned."

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File 24-0, subj: "Unconventional Aircraft Sighted in Greenville, S. C. Area - 13 May 1952

III. ACTION: No action is contemplated at present by 6th District OSI (IO) in reference to this matter. Lt. PALMER has advised that Air Intelligence Information Report, Form 112, Part I, concerning this incident was forwarded Headquarters USAF on 16 May 1952.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

25 July 1952 ~~3 0 JUL 1952~~

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Captain EUGENE E. McMANUS, Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia, upon returning to this station from a trip to Lockbourne Air Force Base, reported that while awaiting clearance at Lockbourne, he, along with numerous people from Lockbourne Air Force Base, witnessed four (4) objects hovering in the vicinity of Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio. These objects were observed by approximately 90 per cent of the personnel at Lockbourne Air Force Base, and were reportedly observed through an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio. According to Captain McMANUS, two (2) F-84 type aircraft were dispatched from Lockbourne in an attempt to overtake and identify these objects with negative results.

2. DETAILS: Captain EUGENE E. McMANUS, AO 668608, 811th Operations Squadron, 811th Air Base Group, Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, reported to this office on 24 July 1952 that on 23 July 1952, while resting and awaiting clearance from Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio to Turner Air Force Base, Georgia, his attention was directed by members of the Operations Office, Lockbourne Air Force Base, to aerial objects located in the vicinity of Lockbourne Air Force Base and Columbus, Ohio. Captain McMANUS stated that these objects were easily visible to him, and that there were four (4) in number. Captain McMANUS further stated that one of the objects seemed to hover above the other three objects and was not visible at all times, being hidden by the other three objects. Captain McMANUS stated that he observed these objects for approximately 45 minutes and described them as being round in shape and almost fluorescent white in color. Captain McMANUS added that he arranged himself so that he could sight along the top of a telephone pole

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at the objects, and that the objects did not seem to have any forward motion, but seemed to be hovering in one particular area. Captain McMANUS further stated that two (2) F-84 aircraft were dispatched from Lockbourne Air Force Base to try to observe and identify these objects, and that upon the pilots' return to Operations, they reported that they had obtained an altitude of 43,000 feet and were still unable to identify or approach these unidentified objects. Captain McMANUS further added that weather personnel from Lockbourne Air Force Base set up an observer telescope, the type used in reading weather balloons, and that he, personally, observed these objects through this telescope. Captain McMANUS continued that with the assistance of this telescope the objects still appeared round in shape and white in color. The only assistance the telescope gave was that the objects seemed to be much larger. Captain McMANUS further stated that it was reported to Lockbourne Operations while he was there, that an Observatory in Columbus, Ohio, through means of triangulation, had placed the height of these objects at 75,000 feet. Captain McMANUS stated that he did not see any vapor trails or any glow around the objects. When asked what he believed the objects to be, Captain McMANUS stated, "I do not know. All I know is that they were round, white in color, and approximately six inches in diameter."

Captain McMANUS is a senior pilot in the United States Air Force, having approximately 2,200 hours flying time, and having served on active duty as a pilot for approximately ten (10) years. Captain McMANUS is described by his fellow officers as being quiet, very conscientious, and most reliable.

3. **ACTION:** In view of the fact that these aerial objects were sighted over Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio, no action is contemplated at this station.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: ~~Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted~~
~~Over Atlanta General Depot~~
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. The following information was received from the 6th OSI District (IG), Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, in a Spot Intelligence Report, dated 14 August 1952:

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"At 0900 hours, 4 August 1952, personnel of the Intelligence Office, Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, were called to investigate the report that an unidentified aerial object had been sighted by three (3) employees of the depot. Sworn statements executed by these employees, [redacted] revealed that this unidentified object was sighted at approximately 0845 hours, 4 August 1952, by [redacted] who called same to the attention of [redacted] and [redacted]. The object was travelling southwest over the depot at a high rate of speed and at an altitude of approximately 2,000 or 3,000 feet. It was described as a round, glossy object which was approximately six (6) feet in diameter and two (2) feet deep."

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2. No further investigation is contemplated by the Office of Special Investigations in this matter, and the foregoing is furnished for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that information contained herein has been derived from sources other than USAF. In accordance with para 3b, AFR 205-1, dissemination of such information must not be made outside of USAF channels.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over Atlanta General Depot

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: At 0845 hours, 4 August 1952, an unidentified aerial object was sighted over Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, by three (3) employees of same.

2. DETAILS: At 0900 hours, 4 August 1952, personnel of the Intelligence Office, Atlanta General Depot, U. S. Army, Atlanta, Georgia, were called to investigate the report that an unidentified aerial object had been sighted by three (3) employees of the depot. Sworn statements executed by these employees [redacted] revealed that this unidentified object was sighted at approximately 0845 hours, 4 August 1952, by [redacted] who called same to the attention of [redacted] and [redacted] The object was travelling southwest over the depot at a high rate of speed and at an altitude of approximately 2,000 or 3,000 feet. It was described as a round, glossy object which was approximately six (6) feet in diameter and two (2) feet deep.

3. ACTION: No action is contemplated by this district.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/ir/AFCSI-6
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1. Attached herewith as being of primary interest to your Directorate is [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, dated 29 July 1952, a copy of a letter from Mr. [redacted] referred to this office by the Department concerning the above subject, which was of Army.

2. No acknowledgment of the attached has been made.

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Br.

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Forwarded herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report by the 6th OSI District, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, concerning the alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object.

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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted over Brinson, Georgia

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified aerial object was sighted near Brinson, Georgia, on 8 November 1952.

2. DETAILS: On 8 November 1952, a strange aerial object was spotted hovering over the woods approximately two (2) miles north of Brinson, Georgia, by a farm worker. When the object was first observed, it was hovering above the trees making a peculiar noise, immediately after which it went straight up and out of seeing distance. The object was described as being shaped like a lamp shade.

3. ACTION: No action was taken by this office.

cc: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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FULLY STOPPED. THE THIRD ANIMAL WAS TAKEN TO ATLANTA NEWSPAPER WITH RESULTING PUBLICITY. THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLEGENCE THEIS DIVISION WAS CALLED BY OSI AND INTERROGATION OF MR. [redacted], A BARBER IN ATLANTA, WAS INIATED. ALSO VIEWED ANIMAL WHICH IN NOW IN CUSTODY OF STATE OF GEORGIA AT CRIME LAB. CUSTODY WAS TAKEN WITHOUT WATERS APPROVAL AS HE INTENDED TO DISPLAY CREATURE. IT WAS ABOUT TWENTY-ONE INCHES LONG, WEIGHT ABOUT FOUR POUNDS AND HAS ALL CHARACTERISTICS OF A MONKEY EXCEPT THAT OF BEING HAIRLESS. TAIL HAS BEEN CUT OFF. HOWEVER NO AUTHORITIES HAVE AS YET INDENTIFIED IT DEFINITELY. DR. HERMAN JONES OF THE STATE OF GA. CRIME LAB. STATED INFORMALLY THAT HIS PRELIMINARY OPINION WAS THAT IT WAS A MONKEY FROM WHICH HAIR HAD BEEN REMOVED. DR. JONES WILL FORWARD COPY OF HIS OFFICIAL REPORT. ENTOMOLOGIST HAS BEEN CALLED BY DR. JONES. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY 35TH AIR DIVISION AND WILL BE FORWARDED WITH FORM 112. END MSG.

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Alleged Observation of Unknown Flying Object Near Atlanta, Georgia, SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to the inclosed report of investigation by Special Agent James W. Simms, subject and file as above, this headquarters, dated 31 July 1953.

2. In view of the fact that the entire incident was a hoax, this report was deferred in favor of more pressing and serious matters.

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TITLE ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF UNKNOWN FLYING OBJECT NEAR ATLANTA, GEORGIA	REPORT MADE AT 6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Ga. PERIOD 8, 9 July 1953 OFFICE OF ORIGIN 6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Ga. STATUS CLOSED

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REFERENCE
AFOSI Letter Number 85 dated 7 January 1953

SYNOPSIS

On 8 July 1953, information was received from Special Agent AUBREY S. HAKEY, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia, that three men, later identified as [redacted] had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia. The three men were in possession of a dead animal, resembling a member of the monkey family, which they alleged to have been similar to two other animals which escaped in the unknown flying object. The dead animal was later proved to be a monkey, and [redacted] confessed to Cobb County Police Chief [redacted] that the entire story was a hoax. [redacted] was fined $40.00 on the charge of obstructing the highway and was released at that time.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was predicated upon information received telephonically from Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that three men had seen an unknown flying object near Atlanta, Georgia, the night of 7-8 July 1953.

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

2. The following portion of the investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES W. WARD.

3. At 0855 hours on 8 July 1953, Special Agent AUBREY S. BRENT, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), and advised Special Agent JAMES W. WARD of a telephone call received by the FBI night agent at 0345 hours, 8 July 1953. In this call, Mr.[redacted] the Atlanta Constitution informed the FBI of the following information given [redacted] had told [redacted] that he [redacted] and two (2) [redacted]Road, N. E., Atlanta. [redacted] companions were driving on the Bankhead Highway (U. S. Highway 78) near Mableton, Georgia, when they saw three (3) animals on the highway. [redacted] said that two of the animals went to an object, which he described as a flying object, and took off in the object, which immediately disappeared. [redacted] further stated that his car hit the third animal, killing it. [redacted] told th[redacted] that [redacted] brought the dead animal to the Atlanta Constitution (10 Forsyth Building, Atlanta, Georgia), where [redacted]xamined it. [redacted] described the animal as resembling a member of the monkey family, approximately twenty-one (21) inches in length, with long ears, and pink coloring, but having neither hair nor tail. [redacted] advised that a local veterinarian (unidentified) examined the animal and stated that he had never seen such an animal before. In his call to OSI, Special Agent [redacted] (FBI) noted McHAZ's emphatic statement that none of the Atlanta Constitution staff were drunk in making the claims. No further information had been given to the FBI, according to BRENT.

4. At 1000 hours on 8 July 1953, Special Agent JAMES W. WARD briefly interviewed [redacted]oad, N. E., concerning his allegation of seeing the flying object. [redacted] advised that he and his two companions had just driven over a hill on the Bankhead Highway when they saw a bright red glow moving in front of the car. [redacted] stated that they saw three (3) animals jump for the moving red object and that two got on the object and disappeared with it. [redacted] advised that their car hit the third animal, however, killing the animal. [redacted]identified his companions as a [redacted] who works at the [redacted] Store, Brookhaven, Georgia, and a perso[redacted] identified only as [redacted] No further questions were asked [redacted] because of the intrusion of reporters from the Atlanta Journal who sought to interview [redacted] concerning the incident.

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DETAILS (contd)

5. At approximately 1100 hours, 8 July 1953, the following authorities at Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia, were telephonically advised of the incident: Captain J. P. BORDEN, Base Operations Officer, Dobbins Air Force Base, and A/1C HUGH SUGGER, Intelligence Section, 35th Air Division, Dobbins Air Force Base. (A/1C SUGGER took the information for Captain HENRY G. SANDERS, Director of Intelligence, 35th Air Division, who was temporarily out of the office.)

6. At 1615 hours, 8 July 1953, Captain SANDERS was telephonically contacted at the Intelligence Section, 35th Air Division, Dobbins AFB. SANDERS advised that he had interviewed [redacted] and had seen the animal in question. Captain SANDERS advised that the animal had been taken to the Emery University Hospital, where an Emory authority (name or position not given) identified it as a member of the monkey family and not an "animal from space." Captain SANDERS further advised that he was initiating a TWX message to Headquarters USAF and to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, advising that he (SANDERS) believed the entire incident was a hoax. SANDERS further advised that pictures of the animal were taken, and that a complete "Flying Object Report" would be submitted within two days. Captain SANDERS advised that an information copy of the aforementioned TWX would be furnished to the Directorate of Special Investigations, as well as an information copy of the completed report.

7. The Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 9 July 1953, page twelve (12), contained an article which identified the dead animal as a monkey which had been shaved and from which the tail had been removed. This conclusion was reached by Dr. HERMAN JONES of the State Crime Laboratory and Dr. [redacted] [redacted], professor of experimental anatomy at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

8. The Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 9 July 1953, pages one (1) and four (4), contained an article which stated that [redacted] had confessed to Cobb County Police Chief [redacted] that the story was a hoax. [redacted] explained that the story was developed as a result of a $10.00 bet with a friend that he ([redacted]) could not get his picture in the paper. [redacted] was fined $40.00 for obstructing the highway and released at that time.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object Furnished By
Mr. JOSEPH J. McGOWAN, Route 1, Sumter, S. C.
26 April 1954

1 MAY 1954

TO: Commander
Shaw Air Force Base
Sumter, South Carolina

1. This will confirm the details of a report made to Major RUFFIN W. GRAY, Director of Operations, 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Shaw AFB, S. C., by Special Agent KARL SCHWARTZ, III, 6th District OSI Detachment Commander, Shaw AFB, S. C., on 26 April 1954.

2. At 1100 hours, 26 April 1954, a [redacted] appeared at the Shaw Detachment Office and furnished the following information:

At approximately 2015 hours, 24 April 1954, [redacted] and his brother-in-law, [redacted] Box 47-M, Sumter, S. C., were standing in the yard of the [redacted] residence, approximately 3 miles south of Sumter, S. C., on Highway 521, when [redacted] an[redacted] observed an "elongated greenish white light" which [redacted] estimated was two (2) to three (3) miles away at an altitude of thirty (30) degrees from horizontal, and which was proceeding along a steady flight path from Southeast to Northwest at a speed estimated at two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) miles per hour. [redacted] stated that the object was larger than any convential aircraft with which he was familiar and he estimated that its length was approximately that of a B-36 aircraft. [redacted] stated that the sighting lasted almost one (1) minute and he lost sight of the object while attempting to move to a spot where he could better observe it.

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3. This information is furnished your Command for action in accordance with paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.

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JOHN W. BARTON
Major, USAF
[redacted] Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

24-01

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

1 MAY 1954

TO: Commander
Dobbins Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

1. This is in confirmation of a conversation between the Base Commander, Dobbins AFB and Mr. E. D. WALKER, Detachment Commander, Atlanta Detachment, Office of Special Investigations, concerning a report of an unidentified flying object:

2. On 10 May 1954 Mr. BRANT, ASIC, Atlanta Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, telephonically advised S/A EMBERT D. WALKER, that [redacted] Tucker, Georgia, had reported to Mr. BRANT the sighting of three objects that, in his estimation, were not conventional type aircraft.

3. On 11 May 1954, [redacted] was interviewed on Harwood Drive, East Point, Georgia., the location from which [redacted] viewed the objects. [redacted] gave the following information which is set forth in the sequence outlined in AFL 200-5:

SHAPE: Round; flying in horizontal position in relation to earth.
SIZE: Estimated 20' diameter; thick in center, tapering to thinner edges.
COLOR: Shiny appearance.
FORMATION: Three objects, flying in a V formation.
AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: None recognized.
VAPOR TRAIL OR EXHAUST TRAIL: None.
PROPULSION SYSTEM: Unknown
SPEED: Estimated 500 - 600 MPH.
SOUND: None.
MANEUVERS: None; straight flight.

cc: Director, OSI

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MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE: Flew out of vision

TIME OF SIGHT: 1030 hours.

MANNER OF OBSERVATION: Visual - unaided eye.

EQUIPMENT USED IN SIGHT: None

LOCATION OF OBSERVER IN RELATION TO OBJECTS: Objects viewed overhead at approximately 45° angle from perpendicular extended above viewer. Sun position to right and rear of viewer.

LOCATION OF OBJECTS: Latitude 33' - 51"; Longitude 85' - 33"

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL OF OBJECT: Viewer observed objects traveling from approximately NE to SW in a straight line of flight, at approximately 4,000 ft. altitude.

RELIABILITY OF SIGHTER: DeWITT T. WEAVER, Chief Inspector for Alcohol Tax Unit, Midvale Road, Tucker, Ga., advises he has known [redacted] for 13 years and, to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] is very reliable and not given to seeing things.

WEATHER: Bright, clear day; small wind.

METEOROLOGICAL: No known conditions existing that might cause sighting.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None

INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION: None

AIR TRAFFIC: Cargo type aircraft taking off in a NW direction passed under objects as they passed over Atlanta Municipal Airport.

4. [redacted] advised that he had sufficient time to call the objects to the attention of [redacted] Route 2, and L. O. [redacted] Midvale Road, Tucker, Ga., before they passed out of the range of vision. [redacted] further advised that he was formerly a gunner on a B-36 and also a weather observer, and that he had never seen anything like this in his military service. [redacted]nd [redacted] admitted seeing the same objects as TALTON, and they too stated they had never seen any aircraft that looked like these.

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5. All efforts to develop other sources that might have received reports of said objects, failed. AF radar installations in the Atlanta Area had no record of objects. CAA had no information pertaining to the objects.

6. This information is furnished your Command for action deemed appropriate under AFL 200-5.

John W Barton
JOHN W. BARTON
Major, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

26 JUL 1954

24-01

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953, the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. [redacted] Street, Savannah, Georgia, is forwarded.

2. As indicated by Mr. [redacted] letter, the sighting occurred at 1047 P. M., 21 June 1954, from his home in Savannah, Georgia. Since cited letter appeared to be answers to a printed form, Mrs. [redacted] was contacted to determine what format had been used in filing the unidentified flying object report. Mrs[redacted] form found in a book which belonged to [redacted] had been followed. Ret), entitled "Flying Saucers from Outer Space", Interviewee further advised that she had also seen the object on 21 June 1954 and that her husband, Mr. [redacted] had sighted the same object on 21 and 23 June 1954. According to Mrs. [redacted], the object appeared to be similar to an airplane with a glass bottom with orange lights shining through the object. Mrs. [redacted] added that no sound emanated from the object and it moved at an extremely high speed.

3. An extract of the MEYHOE book concerning the reporting of unidentified flying objects was obtained and a co[redacted] attached for your information and assistance in evaluating Mr. [redacted] report.

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4. This information was previously reported to the Commander, Hunter AFB, Georgia, by the Detachment Commander, Hunter AFB, Georgia.

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FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

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JOHN W. BA[illegible]
Major, USAF
Chief, Counter Intelligence

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object? Day, Month, Year [illegible]

2. Time of day: Hour Minutes 1047
(Circle one): A.M. [✓ P.M.]

3. Time zone:
(Circle One): [✓ a. Eastern] (Circle One): Daylight Saving [✓ Standard]
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[illegible]

Additional Remarks: 1005 [illegible]

5. Estimate how long you saw the object: Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.
a. Certain
[✓ b. Fairly certain]
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?
(Circle one): a. Bright daylight d. Just a trace of daylight
night b. Dull daylight e. No trace of daylight
c. Bright twilight f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked for the object?
(Circle One): a. In front of you d. To your left
b. In back of you e. Overhead
c. To your right f. Don't remember

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8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1. STARS (Circle one):

a. None
b. A few
[✓ c. Many]
d. Don't remember

8.2. MOON (Circle one):

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight [illegible]
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): [✓ a. Yes] b. No c. Don't remember

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:
(Circle one): a. A mile or more away (distant car)?
b. Several blocks away?
c. A block away?
d. Several yards away? [illegible]
e. Other

11. Did the object: (Circle one for each question)

	Yes	No	Don't know
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	"	"	"
c. Break up into parts or explode?	"	"	"
d. Give off smoke?	"	"	"
e. Change brightness?	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud? (Circle one): Yes No [✓ Don't know] If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud? (Circle one): Yes No [✓ Don't know] If you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of:

14. Did the object appear: (Circle one) [illegible] c. Don't know.

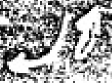
15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

	Yes	No		Yes	No
[✓ a. Eye glasses]	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	"	"	f. Telescope	"	"
c. Windshield	"	"	g. Theodolite	"	"
d. Window glass	"	"	h. Other		

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound none
b. Color orange

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:
(Circle one):
a. Fuzzy or blurred e. Other
[✓ b. Like a bright star]
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

19. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?
(Circle one)
a. Head of a pin g. Silver dollar
b. Pea h. Baseball
c. Dime i. Grapefruit
d. Nickel j. Basketball
e. Quarter k. Other
f. Half dollar

22.1. Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.
a. Certain c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

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25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle one):
    a. Inside of building
    b. In a car
    c. Outdoors
    d. In an airplane
    e. At sea
    f. Other

26. Were you (Circle one):
    a. In the business section of a city?
    b. In the residential section of a city?
    c. In open countryside?
    d. Flying near an airfield?
    e. Flying over [illegible]
    f. [illegible]
    g. Other

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1. What direction were you moving? (Circle one):

a. North c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

28.2. [illegible]

28.3. Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object? (Circle one): Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle one):

a. North c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle one):

a. North c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizone (elevation).

31.1. When it first appeared:
    a. From true North ___ degrees.
    b. From horizon ___ degrees.

31.2. When it disappeared:
    a. From true North ___ degrees.
    b. From horizon ___ degrees.

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32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.

33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle one):
- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One):
- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle one):
- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One):
- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day Month Year

36. [illegible] anyone else with [illegible]
(Circle one): [illegible] No

36.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?
(Circle one): Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?
(Circle one): Yes No

37.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?
(Circle one): Yes NO
If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? mph

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?
(Circle one): Yes No
If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? feet

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41. Please give the following information about yourself:

Name -- Last Name, first name, middle name

Address -- Street, City, Zone, State

Telephone number

What is your present job?

Age Sex

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school
b. High Shcool
c. Collage
d. Post graduate
e. Technical school
(Type)
f. Other special training

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: Day Month Year

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AFCSI-6D 24-1856

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object 24 AUG 1954

TO: District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

Attached for your information and dissemination to the Air Technical Intelligence Center is a copy of a letter from DO #6, with inclosure, concerning the above subject.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Maj USAF

for ERNE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Dir of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

10 September 1954

5D 24-21-154

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted at Savannah, Georgia, on 21 June 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is a letter from the 6th OSI District Office, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, dated 26 July 1954, with inclosure, concerning SUBJECT.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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26 FEB 1957

FILE NO: 6D 24-277

SUBJECT: ~~(Unclassified)~~ [illegible] only
Report of Unidentified Flying Object
Over Macon, Georgia, on 22 February
1957 at 1925 hours (Z Time)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander
Robins Air Force Base
Georgia

1. Furnished herewith pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2 is our confirmatory report concerning the above SUBJECT which was furnished the Robins AFB Officer of the Day, Captain JOHN L. BETTINGER, on 22 February 1957 by Special Agent RALPH D. CRUMAL.

2. The source of this information as furnished telephonically to Special Agent CRUMAL was a civilian identified a[redacted] Age 56, [redacted]treet, Macon, Georgia. Mr. [redacted] advised as follows concerning this SUBJECT.

a. Description of object.

(1) Disc or globe shape.

(2) Approximately the size of a pea.

(3) Brilliant silver color.

(4) One (1) sighted.

(5) No discernible features.

(6) No trail or visible exhaust.

(7) No sound.

(8) Mr. [redacted] stated that the object appeared to travel at approximately the same speed as that of a B-47 or B-52 at an altitude between 7,000 and 10,000 feet and further that after a few moments of his observation the object seemed to rapidly accelerate and double its speed.

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b. As to the manner of observation Mr[redacted] stated that he had sighted the object from the ground with his naked eye during the daylight hours on 22 February 1957 at 1925 hours, Z time, over downtown Macon, Georgia.

(1) Mr[redacted] stated that the weather appeared to him to be calm and clear with visibility unlimited.

c. Mr[redacted] advised Special Agent CRUMAL that he was 56 years old, resided [redacted]treet, Macon, Georgia, and was the Director of the Macon Placement Service in Macon, Georgia. Mr.[redacted] further advised that he desired to notify[redacted] of the "I've Got A Secret" TV Program of this matter, thereby possibly getting a free trip to New York, New York.

d. On 22 February 1957, Special Agent CRUMAL was advised by Mr. HERBERT DeGROOT, U. S. Weather Bureau, Cochran Field, Georgia, as follows concerning weather and winds-aloft condition at time and place of sighting.

(1) Surface wind East-Northeast at 16 knots.

(2) Temperature 63, dew point 30.

(3) Forecast winds for that date at levels indicated as follows.

(a) 6,000 feet - light and variable.

(b) 10,000 feet - 340 degrees at 12 knots.

(c) 15,000 feet - 290 degrees at 20 knots.

(d) 20,000 feet - 290 degrees at 30 knots.

(4) Mr. DeGROOT advised that his office had no information concerning winds-aloft for above the 20,000 foot level.

(5) Ground visibility - 10 miles.

(6) Concerning cloud coverage DeGROOT stated at the time of the sighting there were high thin cirrus clouds 20,000 to 25,000 feet covering one-tenth of the sky with contrails overhead.

[redacted]

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e. Special Agent CRUMAL was advised by Mr [redacted] civilian, Robins AFB Operations Office, there was active transiet air traffic at Robins AFB at the time of the sighting.

f. Attempts to contact the 729th AC&W Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia, to ascertain if there had been reported radar contact with this SUBJECT met with negative results.

g. Mr. CHARLES L. TIRRY, CAA, Cochran Field, Georgia, telephonically advised Special Agent CRUMAL on [redacted]ruary 1957 that his office had also received a report from Mr. [redacted] concerning this same SUBJECT. TIRRY advised that his office was not taking any action relative to the report by [redacted]

h. No physical evidence concerning SUBJECT was obtained.

3. No further action is contemplated by this office and this matter is considered closed.

4. Your attention is invited to the provisions of paragraph 7, AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

5. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c (2) (a), AFR 205-1.

WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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FILE NO: 6D 24-282

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Report of Unidentified Flying Object
over Brunswick, Georgia, on 9 March
1957 at 0645 hours (Z Time)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:
Commander
38th Air Division
Hunter AFB, Georgia

1. Furnished herewith, pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2, is our confirmatory report concerning the above SUBJECT which was furnished the Staff Duty Officer, Hunter AFB, Major JAMES TRAMMELL, on 9 March 1957 by Special Agent CHARLES W. LEAVITT, JR.

2. The source of this information as furnished telephonically to Special Agent LEAVITT was Special Agent JOHN LAIRD of the Office of Naval Intelligence, who stated that the following information was furnished to him by [redacted], identified by LAIRD as an attorney and former ONI agent. LAIRD stated that [redacted] had advised him that this information has been furnished to him by [redacted] of Brunswick, Georgia.

a. Description of object.

(1) Arc shaped.

(2) Size described as being a large light.

(3) White in color, with overtones of blue.

(4) Initial sighting of one object then split into two separate units.

(5) No discernible features.

(6) No trail or visible exhaust.

(7) No sound.

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DO #6 ltr, File 6D 24-282, Subject: (Unclassified) Report of Unidentified Flying Object over Brunswick, Georgia, on 9 March 1957 at 0645 hours (Z Time), SPECIAL INQUIRY

b. According to [redacted] was advised by [redacted] and [redacted] that while the three (3) of them were riding in an automobile on Albermarle Street in Brunswick, Georgia, when [redacted] spotted the object high in the sky at an unknown height. Reportedly when first seen the light appeared to be over the new portion of Highway 17 a few miles south of Brunswick traveling from south to north at what appeared to be the speed of a fast jet. Further, when the object reached a point approximately over the Brunswick - St. Simons Island causeway between Fredericka and Back Rivers, the light separated into two (2) units and went out leaving the observers to believe the object may have fallen into the swamp in that vicinity.

c. [redacted] opined that [redacted] is a reliable person and that [redacted] had advised him ([redacted]) that he [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] and [redacted] were also reliable persons and that [redacted] and [redacted] are both approximately 27 years of age and are graduates of Georgia Tech.

3. No further action is contemplated by this office and this matter is considered closed.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c (2) (a), AFR 205-1.

WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

→ cc: Dir OSI

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA

FILE NR: 24-0-423

30 October 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Falling in Vicinity of Hunter AFB, Georgia, 28 Oct 58 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 904, OSI Bulletin 51 (Change 51-2, 10 Sep 58) concerning the reporting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) and Soviet Satellites.

2. In accordance with the provisions of referenced bulletin, the following information is furnished:

On 28 October 1958, at 1355, Captain J. S. WYSOCKI, Airdrome Officer, Base Operations, Hunter AFB, Georgia, advised that Flight Services had observed an unidentified flying object fall approximately 10 miles east of Hunter AFB at 1300, EST. According to WYSOCKI, the object fell at a 45 degree angle, was orange or flame-like in color and no explosion was seen. Tower personnel on duty at Hunter AFB also observed the object, and Flight Services received calls from Columbia, South Carolina and Jacksonville, Florida relative to the sighting of this object. Approximate bearings of the sighting were 100 degrees from Hunter AFB and 90 degrees from Jacksonville, Florida with Columbia, South Carolina not obtaining a bearing. WYSOCKI had no further information as to size, shape or other pertinent data required by AFR 200-2, as amended.

3. WYSOCKI was advised that the local Commander should report all information to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for evaluation.

4. It is to be noted that the bearing on the object as submitted by Jacksonville, Florida (90 degrees), if correct, would tend to refute the observations of personnel at Hunter AFB who advised that the object fell to earth 10 miles east of Hunter AFB, Georgia.

5. This letter is classified [redacted] to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of UFO's from unauthorized disclosure.

For and In The Absence of
WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Basic Ltr, Charleston Air Force Base Detachment, 6th District Office of Special Investigations, Charleston AFB, S. C., dtd 5 Nov 58, File Nr. 6D INV 24-0, Subject: Reported Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object, 1746Z, 28 Oct 58, Charleston, S. C.

6D File Nr. 24-0-423 1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 6TH DISTRICT OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia, 5 December 1958

TO: Director, Special Investigations, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with paragraph 904, OSI Bulletin 51 (Change 51-2, 10 Sep 58), the attached report from the District Intelligence Office, Sixth Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina, dated 31 October 1958, is forwarded for your information.

2. This indorsement is classified CO[redacted]AL in accordance with paragraph 30, AFR 205-1, to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of reentered Soviet Sputniks, or their rockets, from unauthorized disclosure.

William G. Workman
WILLIAM G. WORKMAN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Charleston Air Force Base Detachment
6th District Office of Special Investigations
Charleston Air Force Base
South Carolina

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DETACHMENT 602, CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE
SOUTH CAROLINA

5 NOV 1958

FILE NR: 6D INV 24-0

SUBJECT: Reported Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object, 1746Z, 28 Oct 58, Charleston, South Carolina

TO:
Commander
Charleston Air Force Base
ATTN: 1608th Air Base Group Operations
and Training
Charleston Air Force Base
South Carolina

1. Transmitted herewith is a report from the District Intelligence Office, SIXTH Naval District, U. S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina, dated 31 October 1958, concerning the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object, on 28 October 1958. This report is submitted for your information, and no action is contemplated by this office.

~~2. This letter is Classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with paragraph 30, AFR 205-1, to protect official Air Force interest in the recovery of reentered Soviet Sputniks, or their rockets, from unauthorized disclosure.~~

VINCENT NOBILE
Detachment Commander

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DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT
U. S. NAVAL BASE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

IN REPLY REFER TO
Code: 0010S-6
Serial: 3359

From: District Intelligence Officer, SIXTH Naval District
To: Office of Special Investigations, Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston, South Carolina

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, reporting of

Ref.: (a) OPNAV Instruction 3820.9

Encl: (1) Memo to DIO-6ND files dtd 31 Oct 58, Same Subj

1. Enclosure (1), self-explanatory in nature, is forwarded for information in accordance with reference (a).

H. W. SADLER

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MEMORANDUM TO DIO-6ND FILES

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, reporting of 31 October 1958

An unidentified flying object, spherical in shape with long "tail" was sighted at 1746Z on 28 October 1958 by one observer aboard the ARD-12 docked at Pier C, U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, South Carolina. This information was furnished the District Intelligence Office, SIXTH Naval District, 30 October 1958 by telephone and later, by personal interview.

The object was observed by Mr. [redacted] Road, Charleston, S.C., a shipyard worker, apparently reliable.

The object was first sighted about 30 degrees above the horizon traveling downward at an angle of about 60 degrees with the horizon at a very high rate of speed. The object appeared to be about the size of a basketball, glowing red in color, and had a blue streak "tail" estimated to be 30 feet long. The observer stated that the leading edge of the object appeared to be uniform and smooth while the trailing edge was rough and irregular. Visual contact with the object was maintained only momentarily.

Observer stated he moved from his position forward of amidships to the stern of the vessel when the object disappeared behind ships docked nearby. Observer was not able to regain visual contact with object. The observer estimated the position of unidentified object to be ESE of his position at a range of approximately two miles.

Several other workers with observer noted a multi-engine U.S. Air Force aircraft circling the vicinity of the sighting for about ten minutes after original sighting.

The weather was clear and sunny, the day of the reported sighting, 28 [illegible] 1958. The observer stated that the object was very bright although [illegible] weather was clear and sunny.

[redacted] also reported that he and his wife had sighted the "missile [illegible] reported to be "tumbling" through space in July 1958 while driving his [illegible] on a local highway. (This "missile" part" is thought to be USSR [illegible] (be reported to re-entering earth's atmosphere.)

The observer, Mr. J[redacted] [illegible]ston, S.C. is employed as a leadingman shipfitter at the U.S. Naval [illegible] Charleston, S.C. and presently working aboard the ARD-12, a float[illegible] moored at Pier C., U.S. Naval Base, Charleston, S.C.

The observer does not wish his name connected with this sighting in the [illegible] it is made public information.

There was no further evidence concerning this sighting of an unidentified object.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MARIETTA AIR FORCE BASE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA

6 January 1950 WCF/mo

SUBJECT: "Strange Object" in Sky over Atlanta, Georgia

TO : District Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. Reference is made to the attached clippings from the Atlanta Constitution dated 30 December 1949 and 3 January 1950. The article written by Miss [redacted] E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number [redacted]scribed the object as being long, white and cylindrical. No motion was observed, yet whe[redacted]bserved it a short time later it had shifted its position in the sky.

2. [redacted]s interviewed on 4 and 5 January 1950 by this writer. She observed the object at about 1640 hours on 30 December 1949. Her article to the Constitution appeared in the morning edition of the 3 January issue which received distribution in the evening of 2 January. On 3 January, she received a call from a man who desired to remain anonymous, but who was later determined by this writer to b[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, telephone number [redacted] and employed with the Air Route Traffic Control, CAA, Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted]tempted to explain the object t[redacted] telling her he had reason to believe that what she saw was a B-36 Air Force plane flying at 40,000 feet and leaving vapor trails which, due to an optical illusion, appeared to be a vertical column of smoke. [redacted] further stated he knew that a B-36 was in the Atlanta area at that time due to the fact that it radioed its position to Macon, Georgia at this time. During this writer's interview with Miss [redacted] she appeared to accept [redacted]s explanation, but still maintained that what she saw appeared to be a milky white, vertical column of smoke without motion. She described it as having the shape of an ordinary cylindrical fountain pen in an upright position with the pointed top bobbed off square. She was unable to even attempt to estimate its altitude, but stated its size in the sky was relative to the size of a fountain pen in an ordinary room. [redacted] has not been contacted by this writer, neither was his identity made known to Miss [redacted] since he had told her that publicity for him might endanger his job.

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SUBJECT: "Strange Object" in Sky over Atlanta, Georgia (Continued)

3. Miss [redacted] was not sure her object could be placed in the same category as the one sighted over Hamlet, North Carolina, on 28 December 1949, newspaper article of which is attached to this correspondence. Miss [redacted] maintained that her object definitely appeared to be smoke and was not a metallic object; whereas, the one over North Carolina was reported both as smoke and as an object other than smoke. The one over North Carolina seemed to be in continuous motion while the one over Atlanta did not appear to move.

William C. Franklin
WILLIAM C. FRANKLIN
Special Agent, OSI

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Atlanta Constitution 50

Was It a Space Ship?

Editor Constitution: I'd like to put [illegible]y two cents' worth concerning the strange ob[illegible] in the sky late Friday afternoon.

I left my office on Peachtree Street a little before 4:30 and went to my father's garage at Memorial Drive and Capitol Avenue. This should have taken me about 15 minutes so I estimate the time at about 4:40.

I had put my car on the grease rack and, having absolutely nothing else to do, I aimlessly glanced toward the sky. My attention was at once caught by a long white streak of smoke appearing much like a figure 1, which a sky-writer might make. It was a bright white object, long and cylindrical, and I observed no motion. There were some feathery clouds about so I remarked, "If it were not a cloudy day I would swear that there is a sky-writer practicing up there."

I forgot about it for several minutes—perhaps a matter of seconds—and I again observed it. It had moved from my left, halfway between the horizon and overhead, to a spot at my right and more to the horizon. It now appeared larger and dazzling white but still looked like a figure 1. It seemed to be moving across the sky standing upright going from northeast to southwest. (I looked back for the first one but could no longer see it.)

I tried to discern an airplane at the bottom end of it, but there was none. I had let it pass for a freak cloud or a sky-writer until I saw the other reports of it.

ESTHER H. COX.

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Are the Flying Saucers Real?

A short time ago a pilot in North Carolina and various amateur astronomers in various parts of the Southeast claimed that they saw something bright and fast-moving sail across the arches of the sky one evening as they watched, and they insisted that it was not the planet Venus, which attained an extraordinary brightness that night.

They are merely new additions to a growing number of persons who have stifled their credulity with logic and who believe the flying saucers, about which so much has been written, are real.

They are stiff-necked about scoffers.

Sure, they know that at the year 1,000 there were said to be portents in the sky and that for centuries persons have believed in ghosts, spirits, witches and specially designed comets and the like.

But, they say, the "saucers" are different.

Facts These persons who have come to believe in the saucers claim to have facts. They do have a certain logic, but logic is not, of course, an exact science.

True Magazine, displaying a bit of enterprise which will not harm its circulation one whit, is out with a pro-flying saucer article—a seriously written one. It asks this pertinent question about the Army Air Force project of investigation into the reports of flying saucers: "If all the flying saucers are bunk, what is 'Project Saucer' doing? Why wasn't this costly unit closed long ago?" (This project was abandoned last week, with the Air Force reporting it could find no evidence to substantiate flying saucer tales.)

Article In the January issue, Donald E. Keyhoe makes these conclusions:

1. For at least 175 years, beings of superior intelligence from another planet have conducted a systematic, close-range examination of the planet Earth.

2. The vehicles used for this study have been seen and loosely labeled as flying saucers. Actually, they can be classified as follows:

Type 1—A small, non-pilot-carrying, disk-shaped aircraft equipped with some form of television or impulse transmitter. Type 2—A very large (up to 250 feet in diameter), metallic, disk-shaped aircraft operating on the helicopter principle. Type 3—A dirigible-shaped, wingless aircraft which, in the Earth's atmosphere, operates in conformance with the Prandtl theory of lift.

3. The frequency with which these observations within the Earth's atmosphere have been made has increased noticeably in the last two years.

4. The known pattern of observation by "flying disks" varies in no important particular from well-developed American plans for the exploration of space expected to come to fruition within the next 50 years.

Keyhoe takes this general plan of United States scientists to explore the outer spaces as a basis of what probably has happened on another planet. Ours have been saying they expect to be ready with a space ship in about 50 years. Therefore, Keyhoe argues, the flying saucers of today are either from some country on Earth, or from another planet. He more or less rejects the first theory next 50 years.

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Also He argues further, that before such a landing could be made it would be necessary for us to spend a long period of time flying close to the other planet, taking pictures and sending back myriad photographs and maps by television. That, he thinks, is what "they" have been doing to us for many years, with a speed-up in the last few seasons.

Many decades might be required to examine a planet and to prepare for a landing. He points out that Columbus discovered America in 1492, but that 116 years passed before Jamestown was established.

Keyhoe takes the many reports and produces a number of them which record sighted discs or saucers which reports, he says, have not been denied or upset.

Slight Some involve pilots who sighted these objects and sought to follow them, particularly Capt. Thomas F. Mantell, Jr., who on Jan. 7, 1948, sighted, along with others, a flying disc near Fort Knox. It was hovering over the field and giving off, reports said, a reddish glow. Col. Guy F. Hix, commanding officer, made radio contact with a flight of three F-51s in the neighborhood. Captain Mantell, leader of the group, radioed shortly afterward they had made contact. He said, "I am closing in now to have a good look. It's directly ahead of me and moving at about half my speed. The thing looks metallic and it's tremendous in size."

Death However, the thing apparently speeded up, as if testing the maximum speed of Earth-built craft. The other two pilots lost Mantell and the strange disc in broken clouds and landed. Mantell reported once more. He said he could not gain and planned to break off the chase at 20,000 feet. His body and wrecked plane were found later near Fort Knox. Keyhoe says it could have been no Earth-made aircraft nor could it have been a star, since no trained experienced pilot, as was Mantell and the others, could confuse, for long, at least, a star with another object. He builds up his case with great skill. In conclusion, Keyhoe takes our own United States scientific plans for space craft and reverses them in terms of another planet, to explain what he thinks the flying saucers to be and why, as follows:

1. World-wide exploration, followed by concentration on the United States as the most advanced nation.
2. The numerous small disks sighted at first are believed to have been remote-control observers.
3. These were followed by larger discs after the first outran our planes.

In closing he asks, as aforementioned, if the reports are bunk, why did the Air Force keep "Project Saucer" going for two years, failing to give out a detailed report of its findings when the project finally was abandoned?

And—it was only a short while ago atomic bombs were confined to the comic books and were laughed at as impossible.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Ga.

20 July 1949.

SUBJECT: Information concerning Flying Disks.

TO: District Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Robins Air Force Base,
Robins Field, Georgia.

1. The Valdosta Times, Daily Newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia carried an item on 14 July 1949 that a [redacted] Valdosta, Ga., had witnessed an object in the sky, at 0300 hours on 7 July 1949, which she thought to be a flying disk.

2. [redacted] was interviewed by this Agent and she stated in substance that the object she saw was in the shape of an electric light bulb, with the small stem up, brick red in color, hanging in the sky at about a 45 degree angle from the horizon. [redacted] stated that she was asleep and was awakened by the brilliant red light given off by this object. She also stated that the object did not seem to be to far away from her and that it slowly disappeared into the southwest. The object was visible for about Ten (10) minutes and the light given off by the object lit up the neighborhood inwhich [redacted] lived. No one else in the neighborhood witnessed this object. Residence check [redacted] revealed that she was approximately 65 or 70 years old, very nervous, and sickly. She resides with her daughter and takes care of her daughter's home. She is believed to be trustworthy, though excitable.

3. The official weather conditions for the [redacted] of Valdosta, Ga. for the night of 7 July 1949 and early morning of [redacted] Wind - calm; scattered clouds at 25000 feet, visibility: 8 miles.

4. On 19 July 1949, Mr. [redacted] Valdosta, Ga., employed by the Valdosta Times, advised this Agent that at 2400 hours 18 July 1949 he and his wife were looking out of their bedroom window towards the Southwest and that he saw a bright yellow object, about the size of a large evening star, rising from the horizon traveling at a fast rate of speed hurling upward in a northeast direction. [redacted] observed this object from his back yard with a pair of 6X50 power field glasses until it passed out of view of the glasses straight above his head.

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[redacted]stated that the size, color, and shape of this object was the same as the German V-2 Rocket, of which he had seen several while overseas in Germany during World War II. [redacted] also stated that the speed of this object seemed to be approximately the same as that of the German V-2 Rocket.

5. The official weather conditions for the vicinity of Valdosta, Ga. for the night of 18 July 1949 and morning of 19 July 1949 is as follows: Scattered clouds at 1000 feet; visibility: 12 miles, Wind - 4 miles east - southeast.

6. Residence check of [redacted] revealed that he is of excellent reputation, scientific minded, very precise in his work, trustworthy, and a non-drinker.

7. Mr. [redacted] Reporter, Valdosta, Ga., stated to this Agent that he received a call, at 0003 on 19 July 1949, from an unknown party, telling him to go outside and look at the yellow ball of fire flying through the air. [redacted] arrived outside at 0006, 19 July 1949, and was unable to see any object. This time conincides with the time that Mr[redacted] stated that the yellow object disappeared.

8. There is a rumor in Valdosta, Ga. that the Government has an experimental laboratory located on the Florida Coast, south of Valdosta, Ga.

PALMER S. McCLELLAN
S/A OSI, USAF

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Charlotte, North Carolina

24-40C

21 February 1950

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft Over the Carolinas on 28 December 1949

TO: District Commander
Headquarters, 6th District OSI
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. This investigation was conducted as requested by letter, your Headquarters, subject as above, dated 17 January 1950. Correspondence and inclosures received on this case are returned herewith as Inclosure #1.

2. The following investigation was conducted by S/A ROBERT B. McCOLLOUGH in Hamlet, North Carolina:

3. On 10 February 1950, Mr[redacted] Editor, The Hamlet News, Hamlet, N. C., was interviewed. Mr.[redacted] stated that he did not observe the unusual Object, however, he did interview all persons in Hamlet that claimed they observed it. At this time, Mr.[redacted] made available a copy of The Hamlet News, dated 30 December 1949, inclosed as Inclosure #2.

4. On 10 February 1950, [redacted] employee of [redacted] Drug Store, Hamlet, N. C., stated he observed the unusual Object from the rear of the Drug Store. [redacted] said that he saw the Object at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949. The day was clear, only a few clouds, and the sun was shining. The Object looked to be about 20 or 30 feet long, silver in color, and appeared to be floating. [redacted] described it "like a big piece of silk hanging in the air". From [redacted] position, the Object was west of Hamlet and about 30 degrees above the horizon. The Object slowly floated to the west and disappeared from sight about 30 minutes after he first saw it. [redacted] said he heard no noise or saw any lights or projections on the Object. The Object did no tactics, but did seem to waiver once in awhile before it went out of sight. [redacted] was unable to guess the height of the Object or its distance from him. He just said that it looked far away to him. In regard to [redacted] reliability, he appeared to this Agent to be intelligent and observing. He does not have thorough knowledge of aeronautics, but seems to have normal ability to determine. It is the opinion of this Agent that [redacted] expressed his observations of the Object accurately and without exaggeration.

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5. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] both owners and operators of the [redacted] Drug Store, Hamlet, N. C., were interviewed together. Both men stated substantially the same, that they saw the Object at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949, when it was pointed out to them by [redacted] one (1) of their employees. They stated the Object was in the west, almost seemed to be in the setting sun, and appeared to be at about 30 degrees to the horizon. They agreed with [redacted] in that the Object seemed to be about 20 or 30 feet in length and was of silver color. They said that the color was not bright like metal, but duller in color like a cloud. They said the Object seemed to be long and thin, but was wider at the top than the bottom. Mr. [redacted] drew a sketch of how the Object appeared to him. This sketch is inclosed as Inclosure #3. Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] upon viewing the sketch made by Mr. [redacted] both stated the Object appeared to them exactly as the sketch. Both men said the Object remained in view for about 30 minutes and then disappeared beneath the horizon. Neither of them heard any noise made by the Object, nor did they see any projections or lights on the Object. They said the day was clear, almost cloudless, and the sun was shining. Mr. [redacted] said he thought at first the Object was sky writing, but he could not see any plane, and the Object did not dissipate as regular sky writing. Both men said the Object looked to be over the Airport which is about eight (8) miles west of Hamlet. They were unable to judge its altitude, but did not think the Object was higher than five (5) or six (6) thousand feet. Both men appeared to be of average intelligence and not prone to exaggerate. They appeared to be expressing their opinions as to what they observed as honestly as possible. They both said they felt a little foolish in describing the incident, but with the assurance that the investigation was confidential, they set forth their observations as truthfully as possible. Neither of the men had any degree of aeronautical knowledge, but seemed to have average ability to determine.

6. On 10 February 1950, Dr. [redacted], Hamlet Hospital, Hamlet, N. C., upon being interviewed, stated he was in front of the Hamlet Fire Station talking to the [redacted] at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949, when his attention was drawn to the Object by several persons who were observing it from the other side of the street. Dr. [redacted] said he saw a long, thin, silver Object about 30 degrees above the horizon in the west. Dr. [redacted] said the Object appeared to be sky writing at first, and he thought someone at the Airport was putting on a show. Inviting Fire [redacted] to accompany him, Dr. [redacted] said they drove very rapidly to the Airport, but when they arrived there, the Object seemed to be further away. It seemed to be drifting into the setting sun, and Dr. [redacted] thought at this time that it might be a weather ballon. Dr. [redacted] seemed very reluctant to discuss his first observations of the Object since he said he was quite sure it was the vapor trail of a B-36. Dr. [redacted] said that on 30 December 1949 a B-36 flew over Hamlet at a great altitude, and he again observed the same sight. He said he had discussed the matter with friends at Ft. Bragg, and they advised that a B-36 did pass over Hamlet at a great altitude on both 28 and 30 December 1949. Dr. [redacted] said the Charlotte

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Observer Newspaper carried an article on the appearance of the Object and attributed it to vapor trails from B-36's. During the interview, Dr. [redacted] figures on the Object's length and degree of height from the horizon agreed with those given by other witnesses. Dr. [redacted] said though that he believed the Object was at least 40,000 feet in the sky, and while the Object looked about 20 or 30 feet long, it probably was miles long. It appeared to this Agent that Dr. [redacted] was far above average in intelligence and ability to determine. Dr. [redacted] also had some knowledge of aeronautics. Reliability of Dr. [redacted] above statements were unquestioned by this Agent.

7. Upon being interviewed, Mr. [redacted], Hamlet District Recorders Court, Hamlet, N. C., stated he observed the Object over Hamlet, N. C., at about 1630 hours, 28 December 1949, while standing on Main St. Mr [redacted] said that when he first observed the Object it was in the west, silver in color, looked to be smoke trailing from an airplane, and was about 20 to 30 degrees above the horizon. After watching it for a few minutes, the Object seemed to change its shape from a long, thin Object to that of a cigar or a dirigible. The Object seemed to be about 20 or 30 feet in length and seemed to waver or had a turning motion. Believing the Object was over the Airport about eight (8) miles west of town, Mr. [redacted] said he drove in his car in that direction. When he arrived at the Airport, he then realized that the Object was a great distance from Hamlet and moving in the direction of the west. The Object then appeared to Mr. [redacted] to be round like a ball. Mr. [redacted] said the Object was in sight about 40 minutes and seemed to just be floating away. Mr. [redacted] said that he observed the high flying B-36 on 30 December 1949, but the vapor trails left by the B-36 did not appear to be like the Object he saw on 28 December 1949. In regard to reliability of Mr. [redacted] this agent noted Mr. [redacted] vision was impaired by a stilted eye, and he wore glasses. Mr. [redacted] holds a responsible position in Hamlet, N. C., and it is believed that his description of the Object was a trueful account as to what he saw, however, since no other witness saw the Object as round, it is believed that Mr. [redacted] poor eyesight may have accounted for this. Mr. [redacted] had no knowledge of aeronautics, but is a man of above average intelligence. Mr. [redacted] drew a sketch of how the Object appeared to him, and this sketch is inclosed as Inclosure #4. Mr. [redacted] included in this one (1) sketch the three (3) shapes the Object took on during his observation. The small dotted lines running from one object to another were Mr. [redacted] method of indicating the turning of the Object from one shape to another.

8. Upon being interviewed, Mr. [redacted] Hamlet, N.C., stated the story as did Dr. [redacted] except that Chief [redacted] did not offer the explanations that the Object was the vapor trail of a B-36. Chief [redacted] was unable to add to the description of the Object as given by Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] or Dr. [redacted] Chief [redacted] appeared to this agent to be a man of integrity and of average intelligence. Chief [redacted] had no knowledge of aeronautics. It is believed that Chief [redacted] described the Object exactly as he saw it.

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9. In your letter request for this investigation, you set forth the lead of interview of Mr. [redacted]Hamlet, N. C. All persons interviewed advised that Mr. [redacted] was not in Hamlet, N. C., and they did not know his present whereabouts. They all stated he traveled a lot and visited his father in Hamlet a few times a year. All persons advised that Mr. [redacted] was prone to exaggerate and would not be a reliable witness. Dr. [redacted]aid that he was present at the Airport when Mr. [redacted]nd [redacted]s wife took off in the airplane to catch the Object and was present when they returned. After returning, Mrs. [redacted] said they lost sight of the Object shortly after taking off and did not observe it again. Dr. [redacted]d this Agent to believe that Mr. [redacted] told a different story than did his wife, but Dr. [redacted] would not state directly that Mr. [redacted] had falsified his story. Upon being contacted, Mr. [redacted] SR., Hamlet, N. C., father of [redacted], stated his son was not presently in Hamlet, N. C., and he did not know his son's exact address. Mr. [redacted] said his son could only be contacted by writing to [redacted] and [redacted]Attorneys, [redacted]uilding, Winston-Salem, N. C. Mr. [redacted]aid his son kept his attorneys advised of his whereabouts. Due to the information received above, considering the time required to contact Mr. [redacted] for interview, and taking into account that this is a preliminary investigation to be used by your Headquarters to determine the necessity for a complete investigation, this investigation is being forwarded to your office without testimony of Mr. [redacted]

10. During interview with Mr. [redacted]nd [redacted] both men mentioned that the Charlotte Observer Newspaper, Charlotte, N. C., had carried articles concerning the Object and had described the Object as a B-36 vapor trail. On 11 February 1950, the files of the Charlotte Observer revealed that articles were carried on the Object on 30 and 31 December 1949. Copies of these articles were secured and are inclosed as Inclosures #5 and #6. These articles appear to identify the Object as vapor trails from B-36 and descriptions of the Objects seen in Charlotte seem to compare favorably with those seen in Hamlet, N. C.

11. This detachment is conducting no further investigation on this inquiry until further instructions are received from your Headquarters.

Robert B. McCollough
ROBERT B. McCOLLOUGH
Detachment Commander
Charlotte Detachment

6 Incls:
1. Ltr, dtd. 17 Jan 50
2. Hamlet News, dtd. 30 Dec 49
3. Sketch drawn by [redacted]
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5. Charlotte Observer, dtd. 30 Dec 49
6. Charlotte Observer, dtd. 31 Dec 49

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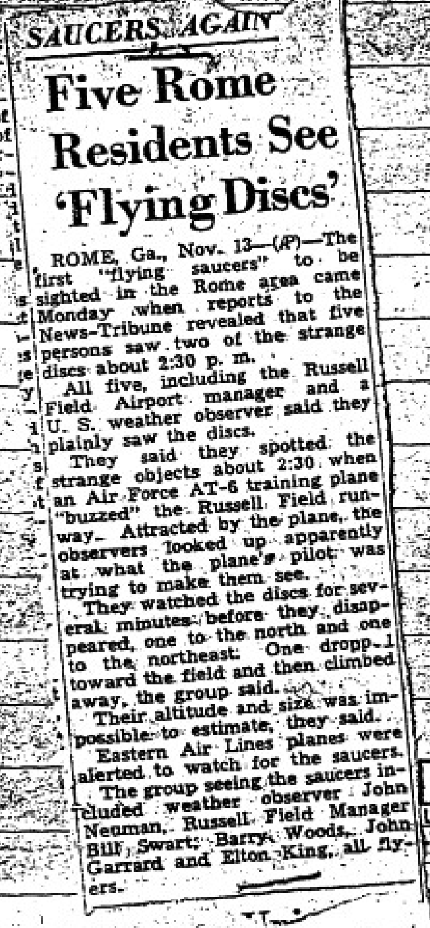
The attached newspaper appeared in the Atlanta Constitution on Monday 14 November 1950.

Major KUBALA informed as Base Intelligence Officer WRAMA.

NO ACTION.



SAUCERS AGAIN

Five Rome Residents See 'Flying Discs'

ROME, Ga., Nov. 13—(AP)—The first "flying saucers" to be sighted in the Rome area came Monday when reports to the News-Tribune revealed that five persons saw two of the strange discs about 2:30 p. m.

All five, including the Russell Field Airport manager and a U. S. weather observer said they plainly saw the discs.

They said they spotted the strange objects about 2:30 when an Air Force AT-6 training plane "buzzed" the Russell Field runway. Attracted by the plane, the observers looked up apparently at what the plane's pilot was trying to make them see.

They watched the discs for several minutes before they disappeared, one to the north and one to the northeast. One dropped toward the field and then climbed away, the group said.

Their altitude and size was impossible to estimate, they said.

Eastern Air Lines planes were alerted to watch for the saucers.

The group seeing the saucers included weather observer John Neuman, Russell Field Manager Bill Swart, Barry Woods, John Garrard and Elton King, all flyers.

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5th DISTRICT OSI
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Chief, Investigative Support Section
Directorate of Special Investigations

The following letter was received by persons at Savannah, Georgia from [redacted], Amarilla, Texas (Hadley, Texas which is between Amarilla and Memphis). This was turned over to the OSI through Mrs. DEAN, the Secretary at Chatham OSI Detachment, Chatham Air Force Base, Georgia.

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FILE NO: 24-400

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft

A letter was received by persons in Savannah, Georgia from [redacted] of Hedley, Texas (between Amarillo and Memphis). This letter was given to Mrs. DEAN, stenographer at Chatham Detachment Office of Special Investigations (IG) and turned over to the Office of Special Investigations by her.

Persons knowing [redacted] state that he is of good mind and has an excellent reputation in his community - that since sending this letter he has refused to talk about it due to the fact that people think him to be telling an untruth.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
DOBBINS AIR FORCE BASE, MARIETTA, GEORGIA

10 July 1950 RHB/mo

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO : - District Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

1. **SYNOPSIS:**
Third Army CIC Officers telephonically advised sighting of an unidentified flying object at 1025 hours, 10 July 1950. The object was visible for fifteen (15) minutes and appeared to be flying at 35,000 - 50,000 feet altitude. Observers perceived no sound or vapor trail. Object not mistaken for weather balloon.

2. **DETAILS:**
At 1140 hours, this date, S. S. DEERING, Major, Operations Officer, 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McPherson, Georgia, telephonically advised that he and FRANCIS RILEY, WOJG, 111th CIC Detachment, observed, at 1025 hours, 10 July 1950, a round object south of Fort McPherson, Georgia, traveling in a northernly direction at an altitude between 35,000 and 50,000 feet. Major DEERING advised that the object was quite distinct and was visible for approximately fifteen (15) minutes except for periods when the object passed behind low henging clouds. Major DEERING advised that he heard no sound from the object and that it was the opinion of himself and RILEY that they had not mistaken the object for a weather balloon. Major DEERING further advised that RILEY is a former Air Force officer and is accustom to observing objects in flight.

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3. **ACTION TAKEN:**
None.

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ROBERT H. BRIGHTWELL
Detachment Commander

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Amateur Mathematicians Place Altitude Of 'Flying Object' at 70,452 Feet

Amateur mathematicians on The Times staff had a picnic Wednesday morning attempting to determine the altitude of an object seen flying over Memphis, Clarendon and Childress Tuesday.

Start of the activity came when B. L. Hurst of the CAA office in Clarendon told a reporter the angles of elevation which CAA officials in Childress and Clarendon recorded on the object.

From Clarendon the angle of elevation had been 44 degrees and at the exact minute the angle of elevation at Childress was 20 degrees.

According to the CAA in Amarillo, the number of air miles from Clarendon to Childress is 55 miles.

So, using the 55 miles as the base, a triangle was drawn starting one side from the base at an angle of 44 degrees and the other at an angle of 20 degrees.

Extending the lines until they met to form the vertex of the triangle, the mathematicians attempted to calculate the altitude.

The CAA had estimated the height of the object at "better than 60,000 feet."

The Times "experts" set the altitude at 13.4 miles or 70,452 feet.

When it came to figuring the size of the objects, however, the mathematicians balked.

They were told it appeared about 12 inches wide at Memphis. Only estimate made on the size of the object was one which placed the size at about the same as "two battleships side-by-side."

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Mystery 'Object' No Balloon, CAA Says

An object sighted in the air over the Clarendon, Childress and Memphis area Tuesday has been identified by some observers as nothing more than a balloon.

But Civil Aeronautics authorities discounted the theory as did two personnel in two Air Force planes.

Cause of the guessing game was first sighted over Clarendon at about 8:30 a. m. Tuesday. It was later sighted at Memphis and Childress.

Hundreds gathered in the streets at Childress and others filled the sidewalks at Memphis and Clarendon to look.

At Childress the object was in sight from noon until 5:30 when it became obscured by clouds.

Estimates of the altitude of the objects vary also, but all agree it was "mighty high."

Air Force personnel in a B-36 said the object looked no larger to them when they were flying at 46,000 feet than it did on the ground.

T. Z. Alexander, salesman for an auto parts store in Memphis, used binoculars to watch the flight of a private plane from the Memphis airfield. At 11,200 feet the plane leveled off and Alexander said at that height the plane, a Swift, looked about one-third the size of the object.

B. L. Hurst, of the CAA station at Clarendon, estimated the height of the object at better than 60,000 feet.

In answer to the theory that the object was a balloon of some sort, Hurst had two replies:

(1) At the altitude at which the object was apparently flying, winds were blowing at about 100 miles per hour and should have moved it faster (estimated speed of the object was five miles per hour, it moving from four miles southwest of Clarendon at 8:30 to 10 miles northwest of Memphis at 3 p. m.); (2) It would have had to have been "an awfully large balloon" for people on the ground to see it in Memphis, Clarendon and Childress, at the same time.

Hurst said the object had no visible vapor trails or flames. He said it seemed to have a constant altitude and seemed to have a definite course, due east.

Jack Cox of the CAA at Childress said the object seemed to have no motion other than forward. He said it did no rolling, rocking or jumping as far as he could tell.

Two Air Force planes investigated the reports, one a B-36 and another an F-61 jet fighter, but both had to stop investigating. The big bomber called it off because of a shortage of fuel. The fighter had to stop climbing when its oxygen supply ran short.

Results of the Air Force investigation had not been made public Wednesday noon.

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Reports of 'Unidentified Objects' Over Secret Center Prove Embarrassing

LOS ALAMOS, N. M.—(INS)—Reports of pancake-shaped "unidentified objects" over the government's atomic research center at Los Alamos may pose an embarrassing problem for the military.

The government has officially denied that "flying saucers" exist. But unidentified aircraft are not permitted in the air over the super-secret New Mexico installation.

So "if" observers were correct, and "if" the "saucers" reappear close to Los Alamos, security officials may have to send up planes to chase away the objects they say don't exist.

An unidentified spokesman at the atomic headquarters [illegible] Tuesday:

"I can't think of anything funny to say."

He was commenting on reports of nearly a score of persons who reported three "saucers" Tuesday flitting about at altitudes estimated at between 40 and 60 thousand feet.

John K. Herzog, employe of the personnel division, said the [illegible]

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flying saucers [illegible] Wednesday.

Ira Maxey, a veteran [illegible] bombardier said he saw a group of the strange objects late Sunday evening as he stood in his yard. The first group was followed by a second and he had his wife bring out his camera.

"I just started shooting," he said. "When I printed them they look more like flying bananas than saucers." He said to the eye the objects appeared tailless. No noise was heard. He estimated the objects were six or seven miles high.

Inspection of the piteures shows objects looking something like a new moon, or a shallow mushroom.

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31 January 1951

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: Chief of Intelligence
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Submitted herewith are reports of interview held by this office with Messrs. [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] who sighted an unidentified flying object at Warner Robins, Georgia, on 25 January 1951, together with a drawing made by Mr. [redacted] [redacted] identified the time of sighting at 1824 hours EST.

2. Check with Major Robert C. Higgins, Station Weather Officer at Robins Air Force Base, resulted in information that a weather balloon was released from the Base Weather Station on 25 January 1951 at 1600 hours EST. This balloon was not illuminated by candle or other means. Major Higgins expressed the opinion that the balloon released at 1600 hours could not have been aloft at 1824 hours. No record of time of breakage of referenced balloon was available. However, Major Higgins stated that such balloons are normally down within an hour-and-a-half.

3. Check with Base Control Tower indicated the following air activity at Robins Air Force Base on 25 January 1951 between 1800 and 1900 hours:

Type	Take-Off	Arrival
C-46	1822 hrs.	
T-6	1823 hrs.	
C-47		1828 hrs.
C-45	1829 hrs.	
C-47	1850 hrs.	
C-47	1857 hrs.	
C-47	1858 hrs.	

B-25 in flight from 1540 to 1907 hrs.
C-47 in flight from 1545 to 1604 hrs.

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4. Contact was made with Mr. [redacted] of the Communications Station at Cochran Field (Macon Municipal Airport), who reported the following aircraft in flight in the vicinity of Warner Robins, Georgia, on 25 January 1950 between the hours of 1800 and 1900:

AF 6176 at 1801, at 30,000 feet
AF 6178 at 1813, at 28,000 feet
Navy 17289 at 1834, altitude not determined
Delta Air Lines Flight 446 at 1800 - Jacksonville to Atlanta
Delta Air Lines Flight 648 at 1810 - Miami to Atlanta
Delta Air Lines Flight 645 at 1845 - Chicago to Miami

Altitude of referenced Delta Air Lines aircraft was not available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

P. KUBALA
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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1. a. Observer:

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Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Zeigler Apartments area, Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 25 January 1951 at 1824 hours EST.

d. Weather C A V U: Clear: visibility 10 miles on 25 Jan 51 at 1828 hours. (Official report of Base Weather Station)

2. Mr. [redacted] in Instrument Branch, Robins AFB, was interviewed by the Intelligence Office on 29 January 1951. He stated that in the late afternoon of 25 January 1951 he was lying on the couch in his apartment when his young son came into the house and shouted, "Daddy, there's an airplane on fire!" M[redacted] rushed outdoors and looked up at the sky, where he observed the phenomenon as hereinafter related. He identified the time as 1824 hours EST.

3. Mr. [redacted] thought at first that the object in the sky was a jet plane on fire and that the pilot had pulled up, trying to get out of a stall. The object did not appear to be moving but just sat there. He then realized that it was not a burning aircraft because "an enormous fire or light from the top of the object went to a point several feet above the object". There was no smoke, and the light did not flicker but maintained a steady glow. In color it was "between a blue-white and a red", unlike anything Mr. [redacted] had ever seen before.

4. The object as first sighted by Mr. [redacted] was in the South and at an altitude of 4,000 to 6,000 feet. It was oblong in shape and appeared to be of uniform thickness throughout, rather "like a flattened orange, but not round". Mr. [redacted] estimated the length of the object as approximately 150 feet. In color it was dull, perhaps black, without any gloss.

5. Mr. [redacted] detected no odor, saw no smoke, and heard no noise.

6. The light seemed to be projected from the entire unit, not just the center. The thing which most impressed Mr. [redacted] was the way in which the light "pointed" the movement of the object. The point of light would move, then the object would move, as though the object were attached to the point with strings. The point of the light would lean over, then the object would move until it was directly centered under the point, then both point and object would rise. Mr. [redacted] compared the action to "climbing steps". This happened approximately four times. Attached is a drawing made by Mr. [redacted] in an attempt to present in pictorial form the movement of the object.

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7. During the period of Mr. [redacted] observation, the object moved from South to North West. In its steplike progress, the object reached an altitude of approximately 8,000 to 10,000 feet. It required about three minutes for this climb. The light seemed even brighter at the higher altitude. It hovered at that altitude for perhaps thirty seconds. The point of light was directly above the object at that time. Then the point leaned at an angle of about 70 degrees and point and object moved upward at that angle at tremendous speed and went out of sight. Mr. [redacted] stated that he would not even try to estimate the speed. Before disappearing, the object itself became a black blob.

8. When leaning, the point changed position too fast for the eye to detect the actual motion of the changing point, but the whole operation seemed to be accomplished at a relatively slow speed, since Mr. [redacted] was able to see the object move into position under the point in each of the "stairstep" progressions. After each completed movement, the whole unit seemed to stop and hover before proceeding to the next progression. Each progression appeared to effect a gain in altitude.

9. When first observed by [redacted], the point of light was leaning South, but its subsequent progression was from South to North West. The lower lefthand portion of Mr. [redacted]s drawing, attached, omits the steplike progressions and shows the starting-point, indicates the gain in altitude achieved by the steplike progressions, and indicates the final "hovering" of the unit before it rose and disappeared from view in the direction he labelled "Finish".

10. Mr. [redacted] is a pilot, holding Pilot's Ticket [redacted] For two-and-a-half years he crop-dusted in Texas, Mississippi, and Florida. He discontinued crop-dusting sometime in 1950. He has more than 2000 hours flying time. He has 20/20 vision without glasses. He stated that he has consumed no intoxicating beverages in a year.

11. Mr. [redacted] reported that at the time he observed the object the sun was setting, but the red ball of the sun was visible about halfway above the horizon. The sky was still blue, and there were no clouds except for a few small, scattered clouds in the east. The sky had that particular brightness which precedes the coming of twilight. There was no strong wind blowing, and there were no noticeable noises emanating from Robins AFB.

12. On 28 January 1951 Mr[redacted] went to the airport at Cochran Field (Macon Municipal Airport). There he asked "[redacted] a [redacted]employee of the airport, if he had seen anything unusual in the sky on Thursday evening. [redacted] told Mr. [redacted] that he had seen a streak of fire without any smoke, going West just before sundown, and that he had heard no noise.

13. The Intelligence Office did not consider it necessary to interview "James" since his description of the phenomenon, as related to Mr. [redacted] was of such vague nature.

14. Mr. [redacted] has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers. He stated that he has seen Donald Keyhoe's book on that subject but has not read it.

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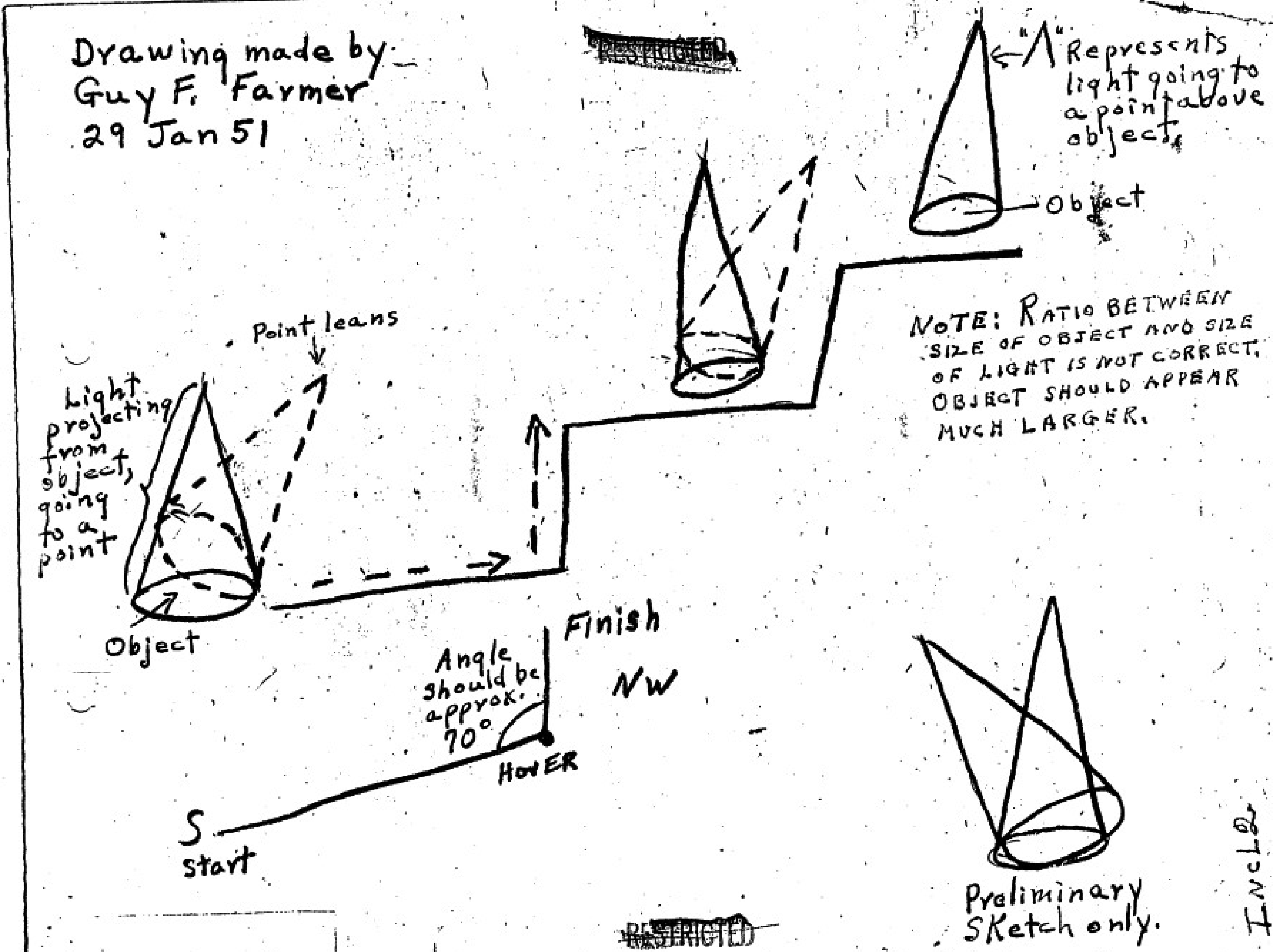
Drawing made by
Guy F. Farmer
29 Jan 51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Preliminary Sketch only.

NOTE: RATIO BETWEEN SIZE OF OBJECT AND SIZE OF LIGHT IS NOT CORRECT. OBJECT SHOULD APPEAR MUCH LARGER.

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[redacted] Apartments
Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: [redacted] area, Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and time: 25 January 1951 at "around 1800 hours"

d. Weather C A V U: Clear: visibility 10 miles on 25 January 1951 at 1828 hours. (Official report of Base Weather Station)

2. Mr. [redacted] Repairman at Robins AFB, was interviewed by the Intelligence Office on 29 January 1951. He stated that on 25 January 1951 he was in his apartment when his little daughter ran in and told him a plane was on fire. Mr. [redacted] went outside and looked up at the sky, where he observed the phenomenon as hereinafter related. He identified the time at around 1800 hours.

3. Upon first sighting the object, Mr [redacted] thought it was a jet plane on fire. He concluded it was not a burning plane because the fire did not blow back of the object but seemed to be going up from it, and no smoke was visible. He noticed no noise, vibration, or odor.

4. The object appeared to be dark and "kind of oblong" in shape. The object itself did not shine; all illumination seemed to come from the light or fire which went up from the object for a distance of about 3 or 4 feet. Mr. [redacted] could not estimate the altitude of the object but stated that it was "a long way off". It seemed to be no more than 5 or 6 feet in length when sighted by Mr. [redacted]. It did not look like any aircraft he had ever seen. The illumination was "almost red" in color and was a continuous, steady glow without any blinking or flickering.

5. When first sighted by Mr. [redacted] the object appeared to be standing still. It then began to move and disappeared in a due westerly direction, as well as he could judge. Prior to its disappearance, the object seemed to be climbing, possibly at a 45 degree angle. When it disappeared, it seemed to be moving from "some tremendous force". Mr. [redacted] compared the suddenness of its departure to "slapping something off a table".

6. Mr. [redacted] does not wear glasses and stated that he had not consumed any intoxicating beverage on 25 January 1951.

7. Mr. [redacted] did not notice any clouds in the sky. He stated that it was still bright outdoors when he saw the object.

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8. Mr. [redacted] has taken no particular interest in the subject of flying saucers. His reading along that line has been confined to occasional newspaper stories regarding unidentified serial objects.

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Warner Robins, Georgia

b. Location: Zeigler Apartments area, Warner Robins, Georgia

c. Date and Time: 25 January 1951, "around sunset"

d. Weather C A V U: Clear; visibility 10 miles on 25 Jan 51 at 1828 hours. (Official report of Base Weather Station.)

2. M[redacted] Robins AFB, was interviewed by the Intelligence Office on 29 January 1951. He stated that on 25 January 1951 he was in his apartment when his son ran in and told him that a plane was on fire. Mr.[redacted] went outside and looked up at the sky, where he observed the phenomenon as hereinafter related. He identified the time as "around sunset".

3. At first glance, Mr.[redacted] thought the object he saw was a plane on fire. He concluded that it was not an aircraft, but he had no idea what it might be. He could not identify the size or shape of the object, which he saw in the West, "a long way off".

4. Mr.[redacted]stated that he saw a reddish light, quite bright, and that he heard no noise, saw no smoke and smelled nothing.

5. During the short time he watched the object it was always moving and did not seem to be going faster than an airplane. When first sighted, the light seemed to be moving at about a 45 degree angle, then it "changed and levelled off".

6. Mr.[redacted]stated that he felt cold and returned to his aprtment without waiting to watch the object go out of sight.

7. Mr.[redacted] does not wear glasses and stated that he had consumed no intoxicating beverage on 25 January 1951.

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HQS, SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION, Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia

TO: Detachment Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia

1. Returned herewith for preparation of report in accordance with provisions of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 12 August 1949, subject "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry," is form "Guide to Investigation Unidentified Aerial Objects." It is noted that copy of this AFCSI Letter was forwarded to your office on 23 August 1949.

2. You are advised that the form sent to you was originally, as the title shows, a guide to investigation and it does not necessarily follow that the completion of the information outlined on that guide is all that is necessary in these matters. This guide is used so that complete data will be gathered and then this information is presented in report form.

BY ORDER OF LT. COLONEL CROPPER:

JAMES C. BORDEN
Major, USAF
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Turner Detachment, Sixth District OSI (IG) Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia.

Forwarded herewith completed forms "Unidentified Aerial Objects" except for statement of [redacted] who is absent from the vicinity of Valdosta Georgia from 8 August, 1949 to 28 August, 1949. His statement will be forwarded to your office as soon as he can be contacted.

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JOHN H. PULLEN
1st Lt. USAF
Det. Commander

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6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-30

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28 JUL 1949

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Turner Air Force Base
Albany, Georgia

1. Returned herewith your letter of 20 July 1949 containing information concerning observations on aerial phenomenon in the neighborhood of Valdosta, Georgia.

2. This information will be re-written on the attached form and forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

James C. Borden
JAMES C. BORDEN, Major, USAF
Deputy for

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Major Cofield

8 May 1950
Item No. 1

Colonel Cropper

Classification of Documents

1. This is to advise you that your 1st and 3rd indorsements to basic letter, this office, subject: "Unconventional Type Aircraft", dated 6 April 1950, was not stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" conforming with classification of basic letter.

2. For security reasons it is suggested that in the future letters and indorsements transmitting classified material from your office be stamped as such.

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6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-40C

SUBJECT: Unconventional Type Aircraft

TO: Detachment Commander
Chatham OSI Detachment
Chatham AFB, Savannah, Georgia

1. Approximately a week ago there was a report from Brunswick, Georgia that an unconventional type aircraft (flying "Saucer") had been sighted over that city.

2. Request your office conduct a preliminary investigation and submit information concerning this "Saucer" on a spot intelligence report.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Chatham Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), Chatham AFB, Ga., 13 April 1950.

TO: District Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Georgia.

1. Mr. [redacted] of The Brunswick News, Brunswick, Ga., was interviewed by the undersigned on 12 April 1950 and furnished copies of the 27 and 28 March 1950 issues of The Brunswick News, containing news items with reference to the Unconventional Type Aircraft (Flying Saucer), reportedly seen over that city on 26 March 1950.

2. No further information, other than that appearing in these news items, was available.

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3. Attached hereto as inclosures, two newspaper clippings referred to above.

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News clippings

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GENE COFIELD
Major, USAF
Detachment Commander

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HQ, SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS (IG), Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. APR 24 1950

TO: Detachment Commander, Chatham OSI Detachment, Chatham Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia.

1. Paragraph 2 of basic communication requested a spot intelligence report be submitted concerning the unconventional type aircraft sighted over Brunswick, Georgia.

2. Request you submit this spot report in accordance with AFCSI Letter 106.

Eugene Cropper
EUGENE C. CROPPER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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Chatham Detachment, 6th District OSI (IG), Chatham Air Force Base, Ga., 1 May 50.

TO: District Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Georgia.

Paragraph 2, basic communication, and 2nd indorsement thereto complied with.

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Spot Intelligence Rpt

Gene Cofield
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GREENVILLE DET., 6TH DISTRICT OSI (IG), 19 E. North Street, Greenville,
South Carolina, 6 February 1950

TO: Detachment Commander, 6th District OSI (IG), Charlotte QM Depot,
Charlotte, North Carolina

1. Request your Detachment interview Phillips Gibbons, Hamlet, North Carolina, as requested in basic communication.

2. Further request that priority be given this matter and report be forwarded to Hq 6th District OSI as soon as possible.

John H. Cantrell
JOHN H. CANTRELL
Captain, USAF
Detachment Commander

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JAN 17 1950

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft Over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Greenville Air Force Base
Greenville, South Carolina

1. The ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 30 December 1949, carried an article entitled "Mystery 'Object' Sails over Carolinas", photostatic copy of which is attached as Inclosure No. 1.

2. It is requested that your office obtain statements, as outlined by AFCSI Letter No. 85, 12 August 1949, from all persons listed in subject newspaper article and from any other person who might have witnessed this Aerial Phenomenon.

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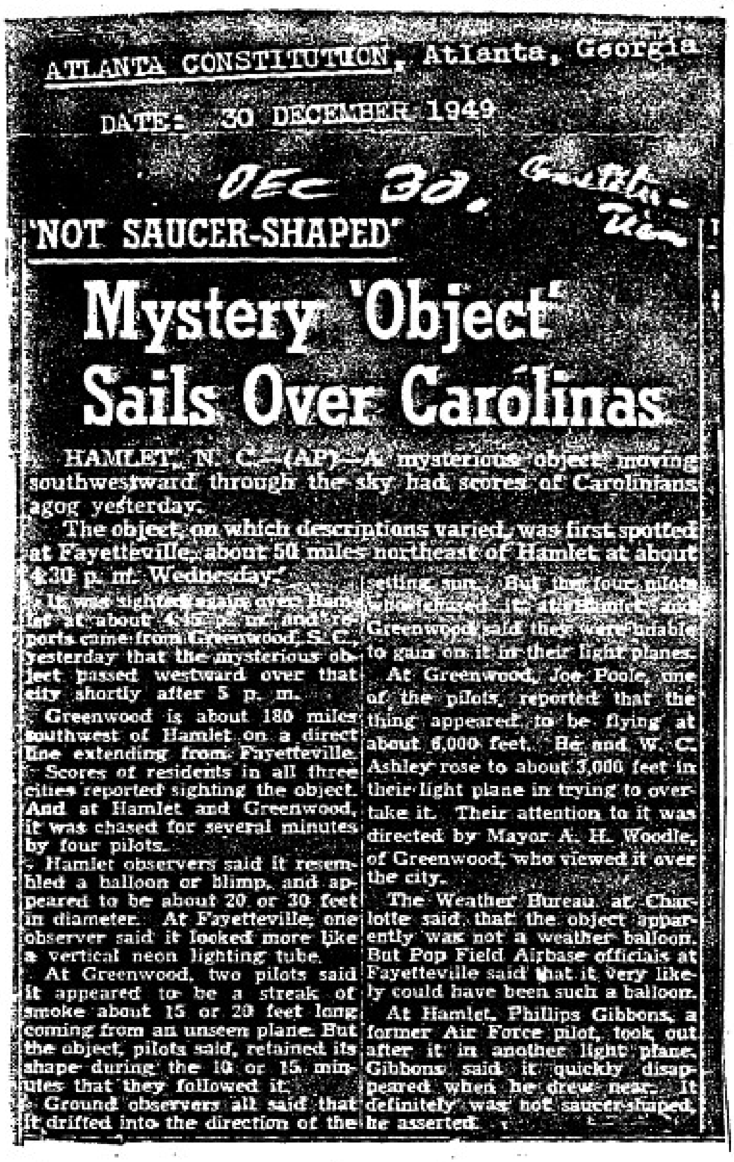

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, Atlanta, Georgia

DATE: 30 DECEMBER 1949

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Mystery 'Object' Sails Over Carolinas

HAMLET, N. C.—(AP)—A mysterious object moving southwestward through the sky had scores of Carolinians agog yesterday.

The object, on which descriptions varied, was first spotted at Fayetteville, about 50 miles northeast of Hamlet at about 4:30 p. m. Wednesday.

It was sighted again over Hamlet at about 4:15 p. m., and reports came from Greenwood, S. C., yesterday that the mysterious object passed westward over that city shortly after 5 p. m.

Greenwood is about 180 miles southwest of Hamlet on a direct line extending from Fayetteville.

Scores of residents in all three cities reported sighting the object. And at Hamlet and Greenwood, it was chased for several minutes by four pilots.

Hamlet observers said it resembled a balloon or blimp, and appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet in diameter. At Fayetteville, one observer said it looked more like a vertical neon lighting tube.

At Greenwood, two pilots said it appeared to be a streak of smoke about 15 or 20 feet long coming from an unseen plane. But the object, pilots said, retained its shape during the 10 or 15 minutes that they followed it.

Ground observers all said that it drifted into the direction of the setting sun. But the four pilots who chased it at Hamlet and Greenwood said they were unable to gain on it in their light planes.

At Greenwood, Joe Poole, one of the pilots, reported that the thing appeared to be flying at about 6,000 feet. He and W. C. Ashley rose to about 3,000 feet in their light plane in trying to overtake it. Their attention to it was directed by Mayor A. H. Woodle, of Greenwood, who viewed it over the city.

The Weather Bureau at Charlotte said that the object apparently was not a weather balloon. But Pop Field Airbase officials at Fayetteville said that it very likely could have been such a balloon.

At Hamlet, Phillips Gibbons, a former Air Force pilot, took out after it in another light plane. Gibbons said it quickly disappeared when he drew near. It definitely was not saucer-shaped, he asserted.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE **THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** **OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS** **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 333.5 (24-400) DATE 10 February, 1950 REPORT MADE BY Thomas M Farrell Jr.
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNCONVETIONAL AIR-CRAFT OVER THE CAROLINAS	REPORT MADE AT 6th Dist. Robins PERIOD 7 & 9 February, 1950 OFFICE OF ORIGIN 6th Dist. Robins AFB, Robins Field Ga. STATUS Closed

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Letter Lead , 6th Dist. OSI dated ~~d~~ 17 January, 1950

SYNOPSIS

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This investigation was intiated by District Commander, 6th Dist. OSI(IG) Robins AFB, Robins Field, Ga., on 17 January, 1950. Investigation revealed that approx. 1700 hours, 29 December, 1949, an ~~object~~ OBJECT, gray in color, approx. 12 [redacted] Carolina Interviews with Mr [redacted] all of Greenwood revealed that the OBJECT was the downward section of the latter "P" and was there belief that it was done by a sky-writer. However Mr [redacted] aldo of Greenwood stated it was his belief that the OBJECT was a vaper trail left by a high flying aircraft. All persons interviewed advised that it was a clear day, no wind, and was warm. They added there was no visable aircraft or sound and the OBJECT was from 6,000 to 30,000ft moving from east to westt [redacted] and [redacted] took aloft in a Trainer Cub but could not over take the OBJECT. Informants advised ~~[illegible]~~ the OBJECT did not resemble any type of aircraft, no wings, portholes, ~~xx~~ exhaust pipes, etc were visible. This is the initial and closing repory

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AFHQ FORM 15 JAN 49 **0-208** Replaces AFCSI Form 4, 23 Jul 48, which may be used.

1. Investigation initiated upon receipt of letter from 6th District Office of Special Investigations, Robins Air Force Base, Robins Field, Georgia, dated 17 January 1950, wherein request was made to conduct investigation concerning a Mysterious Object that was seen flying over the Carolinas on 29 December 1949.

AT GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA

2. Investigation was conducted by S/A THOMAS L. DICKSON and the writer.

3. On 7 February 1950, [redacted] Jewelry Store, [redacted], Greenwood, S. C. was interviewed and stated that an unknown person entered his office around 1700 hours and requested that he view an object over the city. [redacted] stated that he viewed the object and his first thought was that the object was a vaper trail left by an aircraft. He continued that several pther people entered his office and requested that he view the object. [redacted] stated that he watched the object, which seemed to be moving from east to west, and it appeared to be silver in color as it moved towards the setting sun. He stated that he went back into his office and returned around 1715 hours and saw the object again, at which time, it appeared to be grey in color. According to M[redacted] there were no aircraft visible in the sky and no sound was heard. He stated that it was a clear day, no chouds in the sky and the weather was warm. [redacted]s opinion was that the object was cone shaped. He added that he possessed a private pilots license and his hobby was fishing and that he was sure that the object was a vaper trail, which he believed to be about 30,000 feet high. The object did not resemble any type of flying craft, no wings, portholes, exhaust pipes, etc, were visible. Due to numerous persons calling his attention to the object, Mr. [redacted] placed a telephone call to Mr. [redacted], located approximately 3 miles west of Greenwood, S. C., and requested that he send a plane up to investigate the object. Mr. [redacted] added that a representative of True Magazine had interviewed him regarding the object. In conclusion, Mr. [redacted] stated that the object apparently was a vapor trail left by a single engine plane ~~was~~ there was only one trail in the sky.

Interrigators of Mr. [redacted] formed the opinion that he is fairly intelligent, however, he seemed to place very little significance to the mysterious object.

4. Mr. [redacted] flying instructor, [redacted] Service, 3 miles west of Greenwood, S. C., stated in an interview on 7 February 1950 that Mr. [redacted] informed him of a strange object in the sky over the airport around 1710 hours on 29 December 1949. Mr. [redacted] requested that he take aloft an airplane to try and determine the identify of the object. Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] student, took off in a Trainer Cub around 1715 hours in an attempt to overtake the object. Poole stated they stayed in the air and chased the object for about twenty(20) minutes,

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however, due to dar(ss and the cruising speed(the training plane, they did not get close enough to the object to identify it. Mr. [redacted] stated that in his opinion the object was smoke used by sky writing planes and the object appeared to be about 6,000 feet high, xxxxx from the ground, about six (6) inches long and about as large around as a pencil. He stated the color of the object was gray and that the object seemed to keep approximately the same distance from his airplane while he was chasing it. He stated the object moved direct toward the sun. No wings, smoke, portholes, exhaust pipes, etcs., were visible and he added that the object did not appear to be a vapor trail left by an airplane. Mr. [redacted] stated the object looked like a sky-writer had started the downward straight side of a letter "P" as if in writing "Pepsi-Cola". He added in conclusion that he graduated from aviation cadet school during the war and flew B-25's in the United States.

Interrogators are of the opinion that Mr. [redacted] is fairly intelligent and should be considered as capable of identifying standard type aircraft due to his position as an instructor in flying and his graduation from aviation cadet school in the military serviee.

5. Mr. [redacted] employee of the [redacted] Greenwood, S.C., student Pilot, who chased the mysterious object with Mr. [redacted] stated in an interview on 7 February 1950 that he was driving to the [redacted] Field around 1700 hours on 29 December 1950 when he sighted the object over the field. Upon arriving at the field, he and Mr. [redacted] took off in a training cub and tried to overtake the object. [redacted] stated they chased the object approximately 45 minutes but failed to overtake it. He stated that on the ground the object appeared to be silver in color but when he got in the air and started chasing the object it appeared to be gray in color, approximately 12 feet long and cigar shaped. He stated that the object moved direct toward the sun and they gave up the chase when the sun had set due to having no lights on the training plane. Ashley estimated the object to be about 6,000 feet up and moving toward the west. He did not observe any portholes, exhaust pipes, wings, etc., while viewing the object. In Mr. [redacted]s opinion, the object was not a vapor trail. He added that the weather was warm, and no clouds were visible in the sky. He concluded that he served in the Navy during World War II and that his hobby was baseball. He added that the object appeared to be crescent shaped at one time.

Interrogators are of the opinion that Mr. [redacted] showed a tendency to exagerate the incident and seemed to place a great amount of xxxxxxxx signaficance upon the object.

6. On 7 February 1950, Mr. [redacted] [redacted], Index Journal, Greenwood, S. C. was interviewed regarding the mysterious object and he stated that he was not present when the object moved over the Greenwood locality. He stated that he had written three (3) articles concerning the object which was based on information that he had received from various sources. The three (3) articles written by Mr. [redacted] are attached to this report as EXHIBIT "A".

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7. Miss [redacted] stenographer, [redacted] Service, 3 miles West of Greenwood, S. C., stated in an interview on 7 February 1950 that she became conscious of the mysterious object in the sky by receiving telephone calls from residents of the Greenwood locality, who called notifying the airport concerning the object. Miss [redacted] stated that the object appeared to be about 6,000 feet in the air and gray in color. In her opinion, the object appeared to be the downward section of the letter "P" as printed in the sky by sky-writers. She did not observe any wings, portholes, exhausts, smoke trails, etc. She noticed the object around 1715 hours and that she watched it until the sun sat, at which time, the object appeared to break in half. Miss [redacted] added that the object appeared to be about six inches long and about a large around as a pencil. She informed that the weather was warm, there were no clouds in the xxxx sky and she did not observe any aircraft off the ground. Miss [redacted] was a ferry pilot during the recent world war.

Interrogaters are of the opinion that Miss [redacted] is of average intelligence, has better than average ability to observe things in their true form and should be considered as capable of identifying standard type aircraft due to her pilot's rating and the fact that her main interest is in flying.

XAT GREENWXXXX, SOUTH CAROLINA

8. Attempts were made to obtain weather conditions, wind velocity, etc., from the local airport in Greenwood, S. C. on 7 February 1950, however, the records were not available in that office.

AT GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

9. Records of the Mxxixix U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, Greenville, S. C. were checked on 8 February 1950 for the record of the weather conditions in the Greenwood, S. C. locality for the period 29 December 1949. Records show that weather conditions between 0815 hours and 2215 hours, 29 December 1950 were as follows: Visibility better than ten (10) miles, temperature from 33 to 63 degrees (F), with the wind blowing at an estimated 2 to 3 miles per hour in a south west direction.

AT GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA

10. Mr [redacted] Service, Greenwood, S.C. stated in an interview on 9 February, 1950 that Mr [redacted] informed him of a xxxxxx strange object in the sky over the airport around 1716 hours 29 December 1949. Mr [redacted] requested that he send a plane to try and dertermine the identify of the object. [redacted] contimued that after xxxxx observing the object for serveral minutes he estimated it xx to be approx. 8 to 10,000 ft. in the air and gray in color. In his opinion, the object appeared to be the downward section of the letter "P" as printed in the sky by sky-writers. [redacted] did not observe any wings portholes, exhausts, smoke trails, etc. He added there were no aircraft in the sky. Mr [redacted] stated that he photograph the object however due the camera was not suitable the film was blurred. [redacted] concluded that he was placing an advertisment in the Grenwood paper in xxx hopes some one else had taken a photograph of the object. [redacted] stated that if one was secured he would notify this office. Mr [redacted] hold a commerical and instructors pilot license.

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Bsc Ltr fr 6th Dist OSI Hq, Robins AFB, Ga, Subj: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, dtd 4 Nov 1949

1st Ind. HFC

SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, Marietta Air Force Base, Marietta, Georgia, 16 November 1949

TO: District Commander, Hq, Sixth Dist OSI (IG), Robins AFB, Georgia.

1. In compliance with paragraph #5, basic communication, please be advised that complete explanation was made to District Commander during the course of his personal visit to the Marietta OSI Detachment on 15 November 1949.

2. Please note that basic and 1st Ind. have been classified in conformance with existing security regulations, inasmuch as it appears that basic was inadvertently forwarded to this Detachment without proper classification.

Herbert F. Corson

HERBERT F. CORSON
Detachment Commander
Marietta AFB, Georgia

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JOHN P. McCONNELL, Maj, USAF
Chief, Investigative Support Section
Directorate of Special Investigations

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama
by Mr [redacted]

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Marietta Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

1. Reference is made to letter this office, File 24-185 dated 21 October 1949, wherein information was requested as to probable date of lead in this case may be expected to reach this office.

2. It is to be noted that number of this case has been changed from 24-185 to 24-40.

3. To date case has not been received by this office despite information from the Detachment Commander, Marietta, on 13 October 1949, to the effect that case was assembled and ready for submission.

4. This office is cognizant of work-load at your detachment; however, delays of this nature cannot be tolerated. It is accordingly directed that this report be completed and forwarded to reach this office not later than 9 November 1949.

5. Request that Detachment Commander indicate by indorsement hereon reasons for delay of this case.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-185

DATE 14 September 1947

REPORT MADE BY [illegible]

REPORT MADE AT 6th District OSI (IG), Turner AFB.

PERIOD 19, 23 July, 14 September 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN 6th District OSI (IG)

STATUS Pending

TITLE [illegible] ON 19 [illegible] 1949, [illegible], [illegible], BY [illegible]

[redacted]

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY (Unconventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE None, this is the initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon information received from the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia.

Mr. [redacted] quoted to the Valdosta Times that he and his wife had observed on 19 July 1949, a bright, yellow object about the size of an evening star rising from the horizon, traveling at a fast rate of speed in a Northeasterly direction. Mr. [redacted] observed this object through a pair of 6 x 50 power field glasses until it passed out of view.

Weather conditions in the vicinity of Valdosta, Georgia, for the period of time of observation were favorable.

Residence check of Mr. [redacted] revealed that he is of excellent reputation.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he received a call at approximately 0003 hours, 19 July 1949, from an unknown person advising him to observe the yellow object that could be seen at that time. Mr. [redacted] stated that he did not see the object.

Rumors in Valdosta, Georgia, are that a Government experimental laboratory is located on the Florida coast.

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Declassification of UFO Reports

Foreign Technology Division (AFSC)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. Reference your letters to 6th District OSI and 7th District OSI, same subject, dated 30 January 1967.

2. Request referenced reports be declassified and marked [redacted].

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

21/2/67

for JOHN J. STAHL, JR.
~~Chief~~, Special Activities Branch
Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon information received from the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia.

AT VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

2. On 19 July 1949, Mr. [redacted], (w,m,civ), reporter for the Valdosta Times, daily newspaper, Valdosta, Georgia, was interviewed by this agent and stated in substance that Mr. [redacted], (w,m,civ), professional photographer, Valdosta, Georgia, employed by the Valdosta Times, Valdosta, Georgia, had reported to Mr. [redacted] that at approximately 0003 hours, 19 July 1949, that he and his wife observed a yellow object, about the size of a large evening star, rising from the horizon and traveling at a fast rate of speed in a Northeasterly direction. Mr. [redacted] also stated that at 0003 hours he received a phone call from an unknown party advising him to look outside at a yellow object that was rising from the Southwest section of Valdosta, Georgia. Mr. [redacted] stated that by the time he arrived outside of his residence, he could not see any signs of an object that met this description.

3. On 19 July 1949, Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by this agent in regard to his observations during the early morning hours of 19 July 1949, and Mr. [redacted] stated that he and his wife were in bed at their residence, which is located at [redacted] Street, Valdosta, Georgia, and upon looking out of the southern window of the bedroom they observed a bright, yellow object about the size of a large evening star rising from the horizon and traveling at a fast rate of speed, hurtling upward towards the Northeast. Mr. [redacted] stated that he obtained his field glasses, 6 x 50 power, and immediately went outside and observed this object through the field glasses. The object rose upward continuing in the Northeasterly direction until it disappeared from view of the field glasses. Mr. [redacted] further stated that he was stationed in Germany during the war and observed several German V-2 type rockets in action. Mr. [redacted] compared the size, speed and color of the object that he saw on 19 July 1949 to that of a German V-2 rocket. Upon questioning, Mr. HOPKINS stated that the object traveled in a straight path, was brighter than any other star in the sky, and remained in view of his field glasses for approximately seven (7) minutes. He also stated that the direction of flight of the object was from the Southwest to the Northeast, climbing upwards. Further questioning revealed that with Mr. [redacted]' knowledge of a German V-2 rocket that he did not see the object itself, but that the yellow object that he saw was a flare from an unknown object.

4. The official weather forecast taken from the records of the US Weather Observer, Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, are as follows: scattered clouds at 1000 feet; visibility 12 miles, wind NNE 4 miles per hour. No winds aloft report at this time.

DETAILS: Cont'd.

5. A check of the local flight schedule of commercial and private flying, Municipal Airport, Valdosta, Georgia, revealed that no aircraft were scheduled from the Municipal Airport at Valdosta, Georgia, at this time. Schedules of transient lines passing over Valdosta, Georgia, were unknown.

6. A complete residence check of Mr. [redacted] revealed that he is of an excellent reputation, scientific minded, very precise in his work, trustworthy, and a non-drinker.

7. The general opinion of residents of Valdosta, Georgia, is that there is a Government Experimental Laboratory dealing with guided missiles located on the Florida coast, south of Valdosta, Georgia.

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12 JUN 1958

24-205

SUBJECT: Missile Sighting by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

[redacted] (NFI)

TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Patrick AFB, Florida

1. Reference is made to letter from this office, Subject and file as above, dated 2 June 1958.

2. Attached are reports of investigation made by Special Agents JOHN C. CARR, DO #2, file 24-613, dated 3 June 1958; and [redacted] RIELLY, DO #9, file 24-230, dated 5 June 1958, concerning above captioned Subject.

3. With the submission of referenced reports, all investigative leads have been accomplished and this case is considered closed in the files of this office.

4. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

5. When inclosures are withdrawn, the classification of [redacted] on this correspondence will be cancelled in accordance with AFR 205-1, and will be stamped [redacted] (AFR 11-30).

11 June 58

MARK L. McDERMOTT
Major, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-613 — DATE [illegible] 1958 lrk REPORT MADE BY: JOHN C. CARR, S/A
TITLE: Rocket Landing Near SS KEY TRADER, May, 1958.	REPORT MADE AT: DO #2, 111 E. 16th St., New York, N.Y. PERIOD: 27-28 May 1958 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #7, MacDill AFB, Florida STATUS: RUC

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: Telecon from DO #7 to DO #2, 27 May 1958

SYNOPSIS

Investigation at Sewaren, New Jersey, reflects that the SS KEY TRADER departed Sewaren on 27 May 1958, enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana, and is due to arrive there on 1 June 1958.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation is predicated upon telephone call from Mr. [redacted] Acting District Commander, District Office Nr 7, to Colonel WILLIAM W. ROBERTS, District Commander, District Office Nr 2, at 1700 hours on 27 May 1958. Mr. FERRIS requested that personnel aboard the SS KEY TRADER which, he stated, was then at Sewaren, New Jersey, be interviewed to furnish all information available to them concerning a missile which fell into the sea near this vessel in May 1958 (exact date unknown). Directorate had instructed District Office Nr 7 that the information secured be furnished immediately to the Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center.

AT SEWAREN, NEW JERSEY

2. Special Agents DONALD P. CHRISTIE and FREDERICK H. DUBELS interviewed J. CUMMINGS, a guard for the Shell Oil Company on 27 May 1958 at their terminal, and was advised that the SS KEY TRADER, after discharging its cargo at the Shell facilities had departed at 1305 hours on 27 May 1958. CUMMINGS stated that Kurz Brothers, 29 Broadway, New York City, were the local agents for such vessel.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

3. On 28 May 1958, Special Agent JOHN E. McROBERTS telephonically contacted Kurz Brothers and was advised that the SS KEY TRADER was enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana, due to arrive there on 1 June 1958. This information was immediately furnished by telephone to Mr. FERRIS at District Office Nr 7, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

4. This report is classified [redacted] pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1, because it contains investigative information which requires protection against unauthorized disclosure.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE NR 9, BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

1. Will interview personnel of the SS KEY TRADER upon its arrival in New Orleans on 1 June 1958. All possible information should be secured of any nature relating to the rocket which landed in close proximity to this vessel. The ship's log should be examined and the time and exact place of the missile's sighting should be secured. The exact position of the ship, the position of the missile in relation to the ship, and any other information available should be secured. (District Office Nr 9 telephoned District Office Nr 2 on 28 May 1958 on another matter, and consequently DO Nr 2 was able to advise DO Nr 9 of this case, as to when the SS KEY TRADER would arrive in New Orleans and as to the investigation requested by DO Nr 7. Likewise, DO Nr 7 is aware of the telephone conversation between DO Nr 2 and DO Nr 9. The information was supplied to Lt Colonel Weber at DO Nr 9.)

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, ~~Capt, USAF~~
Historian. 4 DEC 1975
DATE 24-230

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

JUN 5 1958

SUBJECT: Reported Sighting of Rocket While at Sea by Personnel of SS Key Trader
23 Apr 58

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

INFO COPY FOR DO 7 (ZI)

1. Reference attached report of Special Agent DONALD E. RIELLY, this office, subject, file and date as above.

2. Attention is invited to paragraph 7 of attached report in which it is reflected that the results of our investigation were telephonically furnished District Office 7. On 28 May 1958, Mr. JOHN C. CARR of DO 2, at approximately 0830 hours, advised that DO 7 had telephoned the District Commander at DO 2 and requested certain information be obtained from the Captain of the SS Key Trader, supposedly docked at Sewaren, New Jersey. Mr. CARR advised that this ship had left New Jersey on 27 May 1958 and was scheduled to arrive in New Orleans on 1 June 1958. CARR requested the interview be conducted and that DO 7 be telephonically advised of the information received, in accordance with DO 7's instructions to him.

3. This district is not aware of the security classification DO 7 has placed on this information, however, in consonance with their request the information was telephonically relayed to them and that information is being forwarded to that district under security classification of CONFIDENTIAL.

4. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL inasmuch as it transmits results of OSI investigation which require protection against unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.) When inclosure hereto is withdrawn or not attached, the classification hereon will be downgraded to FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY in accordance with AFR 205-1 and AFR 190-16.

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Rept of S/A RIELLY (dup)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	24-230
DATE	JUN 5 1958
REPORT MADE BY	DONALD E. RIELLY, S/A
REPORT MADE AT	DO #9(ZI), Barksdale AFB, La.
PERIOD	1 June 58
OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO #7(ZI), MacDill AFB, Florida
STATUS	RUC

TITLE

Reported Sighting of Rocket While at Sea by Personnel of SS Key Trader

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Telephonic Request by S/A JOHN C. CARR, DO #2(ZI) on 28 May 58

SYNOPSIS

Captain of Merchant Vessel, SS Key Trader, furnished details of sighting what appeared to be a rocket in flight, while at sea on 23 April 1958. States missile exploded and portions dropped off as the missile continued to ascend.

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DETAILS:

1. Special Agent ALFRED T. KEITH assisted the writer in this investigation.

AT NORCO, LOUISIANA

2. On 1 June 1958, [redacted] was interviewed by S/A KEITH and the writer aboard the SS Key Trader, a tanker owned by the C. J. Phibodeaux Ship Lines, which is [redacted] related the following circumstances concerning the sighting of a rocket by the [redacted] and him while aboard his ship at sea several weeks past.

3. [redacted] stated that he had made no log entry concerning this incident therefore the exact time and date was not recorded. He referred to his navigational records and through comparison of recorded weather data and weather conditions he recalled during the incident, he was able to establish the date of the sighting as 23 April 1958, a few moments after sunset or at approximately 1815 hours, EST. At this time [redacted] and his Chief Mate, [redacted] were on deck and observed what appeared to be the white exhaust trail of a rocket far out on the horizon at an inestimatable range. Approximately 10 seconds following their first observation of this object, it appeared to explode into a bright orange light and from this explosion two or three balls of light appeared to fall off from the object and the remainder continued to ascend to a height of approximately thirty thousand (30,000) feet before it disappeared.

4. According to the ship's records their position at the time of the sighting was 31.40 degrees latitude by 76.26 degrees longitude. They were steering at a course of 208 degrees. [redacted] related that the Cape Canaveral Light House was situated at a bearing of 228 degrees. The object was sighted two (2) points off the starboard bow and appeared to be traveling at a right angle to their course.

5. [redacted] furnished the following additional information in reply to questions concerning items listed in paragraph 7d, Air Force Regulation 200-2:

(1) Description of the object:

a. Observed the exhaust and/or vapor trail only, not the object.

b. Unable to determine size in relation to a known object.

c. The color was bright orange and yellow as it appeared to explode.

d. One (1) object only was observed.

e. Not applicable.

f. No discernible features or details.

g. A white exhaust trail extended behind the object for several thousand feet.

h. No sound was heard before, during, or after the explosion.

(2) Description of course of object:

a. [redacted] happened to be looking in the general direction of the object with his Chief Mate who was on watch.

b. The object was first observed at horizon level, ascending at an angle of approximately 35 degrees.

c. Continued on its course until it disappeared.

d. Flight path described as similar to the trajectory of an artillery projectile.

e. Appeared to disappear into the atmosphere.

f. Observed for approximately 10 seconds before the explosion and for 10 minutes after the explosion.

(3) Manner of observation:

a. Ground-visual.

b. Observed through 750 binoculars but still unable to discern the missile itself.

c. Not applicable.

(4) Time and date of sighting:

a. 2415Z, 23 April 58.

b. At sunset (dusk).

(5) Location of observers:

Latitude - 31.40 degrees
Longitude - 76.26 degrees

(6) Identifying information of observers:

a. [redacted]
[redacted] Ocean Bluff, Mass.
Ship Captain (Merchant Marine)

b. [redacted] Age 30
[redacted]t., Woodbridge, N. J.
Chief Mate (Merchant Marine)

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

a. Clear sky, clouds on distant horizon

b. Weather Bureau data not available.

c. Ceiling unlimited.

d. Visibility was excellent.

e. No cloud cover.

f. No thunderstorms in area.

(8) There was no unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(9) Not applicable.

(10) No air traffic was observed in the area at the time of sighting.

(11) Not applicable.

(12) No physical evidence (photographs) available.

6. [redacted] was not interviewed as [redacted] stated he would be busy supervising the taking on of cargo while the ship was in port. [redacted] agreed to notify the writer if [redacted] had any additional information concerning the sighting.

7. On 1 June 1958, the writer telephonically advised ALBERT W. FARRIS, Acting District Commander, District Office Nr. 7, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, of the results of this investigation.

8. This report is classified [redacted] because it contains the results of an OSI investigation which must be protected from unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1).

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7th OSI DISTRICT (IG) USAF
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

2 June 1958

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF CI DIVISION

1. On 1 June 1958, DONALD E. RIELLY, Detachment Commander, New Orleans Detachment, 9th District OSI, telephonically advised the following information concerning the alleged missile sighting by members of the crew of the SS Key Trader.

2. [redacted], USS Key Trader, advised that there is no log entry of the missile sighting. He advised the time, however, as sunset, which occurred at 1815 EST, 23 April 1958. The ship was at 31° and 40 minutes longitude and 76° and 26 minutes latitude. At the time the missile was sighted, the ship was steering a course of 208°. The missile was sighted 2 points off the starboard bow at an azimuth elevation of 35°. [redacted] advised that he did not see anything go into the water but the missile was at right angles to the ship. It was observed from the horizon level to approximately 30,000 ft. He observed a white trail and an explosion which appeared to him as being one stage of the rocket burning out, while the rocket continued its upward flight.

3. Special Agent RIELLY advised that a report covering this matter, in great detail, would be furnished this office for further referral to Commander, AFMTC.

4. This memorandum is classified [redacted] to protect investigative information against unauthorized disclosure.

Copy furnished:
Patrick Det.

~~JOHN W. GAFFNEY~~
~~Colonel, USAF~~
~~District Commander~~
Elbert W. Farris
Special Agent, OSI

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2 JUN 1958

SUBJECT: Missile Sighting by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

PERSONAL ATTENTION CHIEF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE DIVISION

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Colonel HOMER L. MOORE, Counterintelligence Division of the Directorate, and Special Agent ELBERT W. FARRIS of this office on 27 May 1958, relative to the airmail TWX from DO #10 dated 23 May 1958.

2. Colonel MOORE requested that Commander, AFMTC, be advised immediately of the contents of the TWX and determine whether any additional information was desired. Colonel MOORE further advised that if additional information was desired, that DO #2 should be requested telephonically to conduct the necessary investigation and that the Counterintelligence Division, Directorate, be advised accordingly.

3. General Yates, Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick AFB, Florida, was briefed by Special Agent ROY C. TUCKER of our Patrick AFB Detachment, on 27 May 1958, at which time General Yates indicated that he was most interested and expressed desire for certain information. This verbal request was confirmed by letter of this date and a copy of which is attached as an inclosure hereto.

4. On 27 May 1958, Colonel WILLIAM W. ROBERTS, DO #2, was telephonically advised by Special Agent FARRIS of the contents of DO #10's airmail message, and General Yates' desires as set forth in paragraph 2 of the inclosed letter to Commander, AFMTC, Patrick AFB.

5. On 28 May 1958, Mr. ELDRIDGE, Counterintelligence Division, Directorate, was telephonically advised by Special Agent FRED G. TEMPLIN of this District, as previously requested by Colonel MOORE, of the desire of General Yates. Mr. ELDRIDGE suggested that in the event the desired information could not be developed, DO #10 should be requested to furnish additional details, such as, [redacted] complete identity and connection with the matter, and any additional information available.

6. On 28 May 1958, Mr. JOHN CARR, Counterintelligence Chief, DO #2, telephonically advised Special Agent FARRIS that the SS Key Trader departed

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New Jersey at 1305 hours, 27 May 1958, and is scheduled to arrive at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 1 June 1958, with cargo for Shell Oil. CARR stated that he telephonically advised Lt Colonel HARRY G. WEBER, DO #9, and requested that DO #9 conduct the necessary investigation.

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JOHN W. GAFFNEY
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: Missile Sighting by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Patrick AFB, Florida

1. This will confirm verbal referral to General Donald N. Yates, Commander, Air Force Missile Test Center, by Special Agent ROY C. TUCKER, on 27 May 1958, of the following information received from our 10th District Office:

"Information received from Houston Field Office FBI that [redacted] [redacted], Texas, telephonically advised that approximately 3 or 4 weeks ago while the SS Key Trader was at sea the First Mate, name unknown, and an Able Bodied Seaman, name unknown, had observed a rocket land in the water next to the ship. This incident and its location were duly recorded in the ship's log. However, incident was not immediately reported to proper officials. This incident reportedly occurred on the same evening that a rocket reported to have been carrying a mouse was fired from Cape Canaveral in which the tracking device did not function properly. [redacted] further advised that the Air Force and the Navy had been searching for this rocket in the wrong location if the preceding information is true. Query at Houston reflected that the SS Key Trader departed Houston 21 May 58 and is scheduled to arrive Seawaren, New Jersey in 5 days. This ship is owned by C. J. THIBEAUX Ship Lines."

2. General Yates expressed desire of obtaining the following information:

a. Time of observation.
b. Exact position of ship at the time of observation.
c. Position of missile in relation to ship.
d. Any additional pertinent information.

3. Your Headquarters will be advised of any information relative to this matter promptly upon receipt.

4. The information contained herein has been derived from sources other than the USAF and has been released to the USAF with the provision that dissemination cannot be made outside of the USAF without the consent of the originating agency. Information contained herein will not be reproduced without prior approval from the Office of Special Investigations, IG.

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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TO: DISTRICT COMMANDER
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MAC DILL AFB, FLORIDA

INFO: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
HEADQUARTERS USAF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Houston 21 May 58 and is scheduled to arrive Seawaren, New Jersey in 5 days. This ship is owned by C. J. THIBEAUX Ship Lines. This information forwarded to your District for such action as is considered appropriate. No further action is being taken by this office.

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28 May 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(~~S~~): Missile Sighting
by Crew Members of SS Key Trader

1. Colonel Homer L. Moore, CI Division of the Directorate, called this office regarding DO #10's TWX of 23 May 1958 relative to captioned subject.

2. Colonel MOORE requested that the Patrick Detachment be contacted by telephone and that they immediately contact General YATES or a duly authorized representative of General YATES to determine whether AFMTC is interested in this information. If the Commander is interested, Colonel MOORE requested that the 2nd OSI District be telephonically contacted and that they be requested to obtain the exact location of the ship, SS Key Trader, such information having previously been reported in the ship's log at the time a rocket was allegedly sighted. If General YATES is not interested in this matter, Colonel MOORE suggested that a memorandum for file be prepared and that a copy of the memorandum reflecting the results of the discussion between General YATES and Patrick OSI Detachment Commander be furnished the Directorate.

3. At 1530 hours this information was furnished to Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, stenographer, Patrick OSI Detachment, who stated that the Detachment Commander, together with the District Commander, was at the office of General YATES and she would get the information to his office without delay.

4. This memorandum is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect investigative information against unauthorized disclosure.

Elbert W. Farris
ELBERT W. FARRIS
Chief, GI Division

Copy furnished:
Patrick Detachment

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Telephone Call from N.O.
Dist. 1 June 58

Capt Interviewed
was no log entry
Sunset 1815 E.S.T.

23 April 58
{ 30° 40' Long. -
76° 26' Lat. - }

208° Steering Course

Item 2 pts off
Starboard Bow

Azimuth Elev 35°
Did not see go in
water Rt angles to ship
Spand from horizon level
to 30,000 ft -

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"white Trail & Explosion
while rocket burning

Removal [illegible]
of back covers - squib
on inside -

TWX from DO #10

DO 10 received information from Houston Division, FBI, that three or four weeks ago, while ship SST KEY TRADER was at sea, the first mate and an able-bodied seaman, not further identified, observed a rocket land in the water next to the ship. The incident and its location are recorded in the ship's log. Incident reportedly occurred same evening that a rocket supposedly carrying a mouse was fired from Cape Canaveral. This ship departed Houston, 21 May 1958. It is scheduled to arrive Seawaren, New Jersey in 5 days (which would be 26 May 1958).

Col Moore

Time of observation
Position of ship
Position of missile relative to ship

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District Office No. 7 - MacDill Air Force Base
Tampa 8, Florida

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6 March 1950

~~SPOT INTELLIGENCE~~ REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director, Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [redacted] Tampa, Florida, reported the sighting of an unknown flying object at 0730, 3 March 1950, approximately eight miles north of Tampa, Florida. Object was described as aluminum in color and oblong shaped. Object moved rapidly to various levels of altitude but became stationary between movements. It alternated bright then dull, giving the impression it was rotating in flight and reflecting light more brightly at times. Object was the approximate size of an Air Force B-29 and was visible for about two minutes.

Mrs. [redacted] statement was verified by Larry Raggio, Henderson Junior High School student, Tampa, Florida.

2. DETAILS: Mrs. [redacted] Tampa, Florida, driver of a Hillsborough County, Florida School Bus, reported that at approximately 0730, 3 March 1950, while driving the school bus in the vicinity of Lake Magdalene, eight miles north of Tampa, Florida, she observed an unknown flying object. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the object was aluminum in color and had the appearance of a balloon that was pressed into an oblong shape. It moved rapidly to different altitudes but would become stationary between movements. It would be very bright and then be dull, giving the impression it was rotating and reflecting light more brightly at times.

The object was first noticed while school bus was in motion, just before a stop was made to pick up school children. When bus was again put in motion, object was still in sight. Bus traveled past a group of trees bordering the road and when line of vision was again clear, the object was not in sight. Total time object was visible was approximately two minutes.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was unable to judge its altitude but that it was approximately two to three miles distant and was west of her position at the north tip of Lake Magdalene. She estimated its size as close to that of an Air Force B-29.

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Subj: Unconventional Aircraft 6 March 1950

Mrs. [redacted] did not notice any smoke or any visible means of propulsion. The surface of the object appeared smooth and unmarred by any windows or ports.

Mrs. [redacted] named [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Junior High School, Henderson Avenue and Jefferson Avenue, Tampa, Florida as two of the older students on the bus who observed the object.

[redacted], student, Henderson Junior High School, stated substantially the same as Mrs. [redacted] estimated the altitude of the object as 5000 feet.

[redacted] student, Henderson Junior High School, stated that he heard [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] and several of the grammar school students on the bus remark about seeing a "Flying Saucer" but that it was not visible from his position at the rear of the bus.

3. ACTION: No action contemplated by this office.

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JOHN M. NISWANDER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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FROM: 7TH OSI DISTRICT (IG) USAF MACDILL AFB FLA

TO : CHIEF OF STAFF HQ USAF WASH DC ATTN: DIR OSI

NR : OSI 5068 9 May 52

Re our message [redacted] dated 8 May 1952.

Captai[redacted] was pilot of PAA Flight No. [redacted] who sighted rocket. Captai[redacted] can be reached at Scheduling Section, Pan American Airways, New York, N.Y.

No further action contemplated by this district.

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TO : CHIEF OF STAFF HQUSAF WASH DC ATTN: DIR OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVEST. [redacted]

[redacted]R : OSI 5061. 8 May 52

Following received telephonically from ONI, Miami, Fla this date. "[redacted] May, just before 03 sighted rocket 1/4 mile off left wing, estimated speed, 600 to 700 miles per hour at 1500 feet proceeding in northerly direction. Observed orange and green flames underneath. PAA flight nr 203 proceeding from New York to San Juan. Arrived at San Juan 0510 Roger."

Check with Patrick AFB revealed no missile test this date.

Rocket sighted on flight from New York to San Juan by Captain [redacted] [redacted]r pilot of PAA Flight No. [redacted] 8 May 1952

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WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
7TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA
JWL/WTO:gf
17 July 1952

SUBJECT: SIGHTED UNCONVENTIONAL TYPE AIRCRAFT BY TWO PILOTS, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, EN ROUTE BY AIR FROM NEW YORK CITY TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

TO: Director, Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Transmitted herewith report of Special Agent C. L. HAMILTON, subject as above, dated 15 July 1952.

2. In accordance with AFSCI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, no further action is contemplated by this office reference this subject.

JAMES W. LOVENBURY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl.
Rpt dated 15 Jul 52 (in trip)

cc: Commanding General (in dup)
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

cc: Commanding Officer (in dup)
Langley AFB, Virginia
(THRU: DO #21)

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The Inspector General USAF
Miami Detachment
7th OSI District Office of Special Investigations
Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida
CIH/ra
15 July 1952

SUBJECT: SIGHTED UNCONVENTIONAL TYPE AIRCRAFT BY TWO PILOTS, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS, EN ROUTE BY AIR FROM NEW YORK CITY TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

TO: District Commander
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1. Reference is made to AFCSI letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950 and letter Department of Air Force, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D. C., subject: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft, file number AFOIC-CC-1, dated 8 September 1950.

2. The following information is furnished as directed in above cited letters for most rapid means of communications to appropriate headquarters. Regular report on War Department Form DD 0-208 is forthcoming.

Shape: Definitely circular in shape and very flat.

Size: Estimate approximately 100 feet in diameter. Determined by use of pencil, diameter of objects approximately one and one-half inches on pencil at arm's length. Believe distance of objects at closest proximity to Pan American aircraft at 6,000 feet. Also, estimated size of unconventional aircraft in relationship to city and surrounding area.

Color: Whole top surface appeared to be a hot coal, with steady glow of light, a little more amber than a cheap tail light. Far more brilliant glow than the lights of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia. Glow extinguished directly below DC-4 after turn. Glow reappeared approximately 6 miles out and was again extinguished a few seconds later.

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Number: Six unconventional aircraft in original formation and two additional unconventional aircraft joined original flight. Original flight in echelon formation in 2 flights of 3 or a formation of 6, with the first 3 stacked up as if they were accelerating or decelerating. Entire flight appeared to fly like a group of fighters.

Aerodynamic Features: When observed on turn, appeared very thin in depth. No exhaust, flames or trails observed.

Propulsion system: Objects appeared to have no weight, accelerated and then changed heading instantaneously. Made correction of 210 degrees instantaneously and no slip or skidding observed. Opinion of co-pilot -- Degree of glow from objects is directly proportionate to rate of acceleration. Also, side of glow controlled direction and speed of aircraft.

Speed: Estimated at approximately 1,000 plus miles per hour.

Sound: Non-discernible over 4 engines of DC-4.

Maneuvers: Original sighting true heading 60 degrees. Ten miles out. Directly under DC-4, unconventional aircraft formation, rolled 90 degrees to verticle position. Recovered. Instantly changed direction by 210 degrees with true heading 270 degrees. Climbing when disappeared.

Manner of Disappearance: Brilliant glow on objects, extinguished in sequence order. Definitely not eliminated by cloud formation or distance.

Time: 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952.

Length of Observation: Approximately 15 seconds.

Position: 24 miles from Norfolk, Virginia, 200 degrees true heading. On first sighting Norfolk, Virginia, straight heading. Could see Newport News on right.

Manner of Observation: Visual from air in DC-4, Pan American World Airways, 889 01, flying at 8,000 feet, approximately 220 miles per hour. Estimated altitude of unconventional aircraft, 2,000 feet, originally sighted objects approximately 10 miles out, utilized a Dalton Mark "VII" computer to determine direction of objects and pencil to estimate diameter. Also, an E6B compass was utilized to determine direction of DC-4.

Location of Observer During Sight: 8,000 feet - 200 degrees heading, approximately 25 miles out of Norfolk, Virginia.

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Acting First Pilot: [redacted], present residence - [redacted]cayne Key, Florida. Aeronautical license (pilot's) reflects address as [redacted]orida; birth, 5-15-17; male; citizen of the U. S. Airline transport pilot license number [redacted] Single and multi-engine pilot license originally issued 1945, reissued, 1951, by Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Also [redacted]s U. S. Naval Reserve pilot (Lt. jg), has held private pilot license since 1940 and commercial airline rating since 1945. Pan American identification number is [redacted]

Co-pilot: [redacted] Miami 38, Florida, commercial pilot license no [redacted], employed at Pan American World Airways as pilot for one year. Employed with Bureau of Reserve and Development Division during World War II for three and one-half years under Admiral DeFlores in Washington, D. C. No other members of crew or passengers aboard aircraft observed the unconventional aircraft.

Weather and Wind Conditions: Weather at Norfolk, Virginia, 1730 to 1830, 8 miles visibility, 5 miles haze, 12,000 feet scattered with wind southwest at 5 miles per hour. At Langley Air Force Base, 12 mile visibility, 1930 to 2030, 14,000 scattered, 5 miles haze, wind south southwest at 8 miles per hour.

Meteorological or Other Conditions: No meteorological or other conditions which might account for sighting.

Existence of Any Physical Evidence: No physical evidence obtainable.

Interception of Identification Action Taken: Crew members filed report with CAA Radio Station on VHF 126.7 immediately after sighting. Requesting that information be passed on to proper military personnel. A report was available at Miami International Airport upon arrival which reflected that there were five jet aircraft flying in the vicinity of Langley AFB, Virginia, at the time of the sighting of the unconventional aircraft.

C. L. Hamilton
C. L. HAMILTON
Detachment Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-78

DATE 17 July 1952

REPORT MADE BY C. L. HAMILTON, S/A ra

REPORT MADE AT DO #7, MacDill AFB

PERIOD 15 July 1952

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #7, MacDill AFB

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TITLE SIGHTING OF EIGHT (8) UNCONVENTIONAL TYPE AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY OF LANGLEY AFB, VIRGINIA, BY TWO (2) PILOTS, PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS 2012 HOURS, 14 JULY 1952

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REFERENCE AFCSI ltr no. 85, dtd 23 Oct 1950.

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 7th OSI District (IG), USAF, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, upon receipt of information from Commanding Officer, 435th Troop Carrier Wing, Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, that two (2) pilots of Pan American World Airways had sighted eight (6) unconventional type aircraft. First Pilo[redacted] Biscayne Key, Florida, and Co-Pilot [redacted] FORTENBERR[redacted] 38, Florida, both employed by Pan American World Airways, in DC-4 number 88901, en route from New York City, New York, to Miami, Florida, observed one (1) formation of six (6) unconventional aircraft and two (2) unconventional type aircraft which joined original formation at 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952. Pan American Airways DC-4 at 8000 feet, 24 miles north of Norfolk, Virginia, flying true heading 200 degrees. Unconventional aircraft originally observed approximately ten (10) miles out at 2000 feet with sixty (60) degrees true heading. Continued course to approximately under DC-4; banked ninety (90) degrees then recovered and changed direction instantly by one-hundred-fifty (150) degrees with true heading two-hundred-seventy (270) degrees and were climbing when they disappeared. Approximate speed estimated 1000 plus miles per hour. Objects had a brilliant reddish amber glow, were circular in shape with estimated diameter of one-hundred (100) feet and thickness of ten (10) feet. Length of sighting time approximately fifteen (15) seconds.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, 7th OSI District (IG) USAF, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, upon receipt of information from Commanding Officer, 435th Troop Carrier Wing (M), Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida, which reflected that two (2) pilots of Pan American World Airways had, during a flight from New York City, New York, to Miami, Florida, observed approximately eight (8) unconventional type aircraft at 2012 hours (EST) 14 July 1952 in the vicinity of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

2. This is a joint investigation conducted by S/A LOUIS A. JOHNAGIN, S/A RUDOLPH McCOLLOUGH and the writer.

AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FLORIDA

3. Interview with 1st Pilot [redacted]oad, Biscayne Key, Florida, and Co-Pilo[redacted] Florida, resulted in their following narrative experience of 14 July 1952 at 2012 hours (EST):

Mr. [redacted] was First Pilot and Mr. [redacted] Co-Pilot, on a Pan American World Airways DC-4 type aircraft No. 88901 on 14 July 1952 and were on route from New York City, New York, to Miami International Airport, Miami, Florida. The captain of the aircraft, [redacted], was not at the controls of the aircraft at the time of the sighting. At 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952, [redacted] and [redacted] were flying in the DC-4 at 8000 feet, with a true heading of two-hundred (200) degrees and were approximately twenty-four (24) miles from Norfolk, Virginia, when [redacted] observed the six (6) unconventional type aircraft approximately ten (10) miles distant in echelon formation. Each object was emitting a brilliant reddish amber glow and all were progressing on a heading of sixty (60) degrees directly toward the PAA DC-4. The altitude of these unconventional aircraft appeared to be two-thousand (2000) feet. [redacted] called [redacted]'s attention to the objects and both observed the objects coming in their direction. Mr. [redacted] lost sight of the objects when they went below the glare shield on the right-hand side. [redacted] immediately released his safety belt and crossed over to the right side of the cockpit behind [redacted]. [redacted] was able to continuously observe these objects. He reflected that just prior to the time the unconventional aircraft were below his DC-4, the front echelon seemed to be decelerating because it appeared that the front three (3) craft failed to hold their position in relation to each other, whereas the rear echelon continued smoothly. Then the entire flight of six (6) unconventional aircraft rolled to the left in perfect union and then recovered to level flight. Instantly thereafter the entire flight of six (6) aircraft changed their direction by one-hundred-fifty (150) degrees to a true heading of two-hundred-seventy (270) degrees. No slip or arc was observed. The aircraft appeared to be weightless and changed a one-hundred-fifty (150) degree direction in defiance of gravity. Upon completion of the

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turn, the six (6) unconventional aircraft gave forth a very brilliant glow and [redacted] observed two (2) other unconventional type aircraft coming in from the right of the original formation. Almost instantly thereafter all illumination disappeared instantaneously. A moment later the brilliant glow reappeared on the objects instantaneously and they appeared to be in a steep climb. Their glow was extinguished again, this time in sequence rather than simultaneously and they were lost to view. The objects were definitely not eliminated from view by cloud formation or distance.

4. In accordance with AFOSI Letter No. 35 dated 23 October 1950 and letter Department of the Air Force, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C., entitled "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 September 1950, following information was obtained through interview and is set forth:

Shape: Definitely circular in shape and very flat.

Size: Estimate approximately 100 feet in diameter. Determined by use of pencil, diameter of objects approximately one and one-half inches on pencil at arm's length. Believe distance of objects at closest proximity to Pan American aircraft at 6000 feet. Also, estimated size of unconventional aircraft in relationship to city and surrounding area.

Color: Whole top surface appeared to be a hot coal, with steady glow of light, a little more amber than a cheap tail light. Far more brilliant glow than the lights of Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia. Glow extinguished directly below DC-4 after turn. Glow reappeared approximately 6 miles out and was again extinguished a few seconds later.

Number: Six unconventional aircraft in original formation and two additional unconventional aircraft joined original flight. Original flight in echelon formation in 2 flights of 3 or a formation of 6, with the first 3 stacked up as if they were accelerating or decelerating. Entire flight appeared to fly like a group of fighters.

Aerodynamic Features: When observed on turn, appeared very thin in depth. No exhaust, flames or trails observed. No navigation lights or running lights observed. Only reddish amber brilliant glow from top surface.

Propulsion System: Objects appeared to have no weight, accelerated and then changed heading instantaneously. Made correction of 150 degrees instantaneously and no slip or skidding observed. Opinion of co-pilot — Degree of glow from objects is directly proportionate to rate of acceleration. Also, side of glow controlled direction and speed of aircraft.

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Speed: Estimated at approximately 1000 plus miles per hour.

Sound: Non-discernible over 4 engines of DC-4.

Maneuvers: Original sighting true heading 60 degrees. Ten miles out. Directly under DC-4, unconventional aircraft formation, rolled 90 degrees to verticle position. Recovered. Instantly changed direction by 150 degrees with true heading 270 degrees. Climbing when disappeared.

Manner of Disappearance: Brilliant glow on objects, extinguished in sequence order. Definitely not eliminated by cloud formation or distance.

Time: 2012 hours (EST), 14 July 1952.

Length of Observation: Approximately 15 seconds.

Position: 24 miles from Norfolk, Virginia, 200 degrees true heading. On first sighting Norfolk, Virginia, straight heading. Could see Newport News on right.

Manner of Observation: Visual from air in DC-4, Pan American World Airways, 889 01, flying at 8000 feet, approximately 220 miles per hour. Estimated altitude of unconventional aircraft, 2000 feet, originally sighted objects approximately 10 miles out, utilized a Dalton Mark "VII" computer to determine direction of objects and pencil to estimate diameter. Also, an E6B compass was utilized to determine direction of DC-4.

Location of Observer During Sight: 8000 feet - 200 degrees heading, approximately 25 miles out of Norfolk, Virginia.

Acting First Pilot: [redacted] present residence - [redacted] Biscayne Key, Florida. Aeronautical license (pilot's) reflects address as: [redacted] [redacted]lorida; birth, 5-15-17; male; citizen of the U. S. Airline transport pilot license number [redacted]. Single and multi-engine pilot license originally issued 1945, reissued, 1951, by Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Also, [redacted] is U. S. Naval Reserve pilot (Lt. jg), has held private pilot license since 1940 and commercial airline rating since 1945. Pan American identification number [redacted]

Co-Pilot: [redacted], Miami 33, Florida, commercial pilot license no [redacted], employed at Pan American World Airways as pilot for one year. Employed

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with Bureau of Research and Development Division during World War II for three and one-half years under Admiral DeFlores in Washington, D. C. No other members of crew or passengers aboard aircraft observed the unconventional aircraft.

Weather and Wind Conditions: Weather at Norfolk, Virginia, 1730 to 1830, 8 miles visibility, 5 miles haze, 12,000 feet scattered with wind southwest at 5 miles per hour. At Langley Air Force Base, 12 mile visibility, 1930 to 2030, 14,000 scattered, 5 miles haze, wind south southwest at 8 miles per hour.

Meteorological or Other Conditions: No meteorological or other conditions which might account for sighting.

Existence of Any Physical Evidence: No physical evidence obtainable.

Interception of Identification Action Taken: Crew members filed report with CAA Radio Station on VHF 126.7 immediately after sighting. Requesting that information be passed on to proper military personnel. A report was available at Miami International Airport upon arrival which reflected that there were five jet aircraft flying in the vicinity of Langley AFB, Virginia, at the time of the sighting of the unconventional aircraft.

5. The following impressions were received by NASH and FORTENBERRY during the course of the observation of the unconventional type aircraft:

a. The saucers were in a controlled formation, and during deceleration prior to the change of direction, they did not hold perfect formation, but some almost overran the leader. After the turn they were again in good formation.

b. The glow or light on the top surface was related to the power source, since in deceleration the light dimmed, and apparently brightened when power was again applied.

c. Thickness of the objects was estimated at ten to fifteen feet by [redacted] and at not enough to accommodate a man standing erect, by [redacted]

d. The objects did not respond to natural laws, and appeared weightless. They were not affected by gravity or momentum since they changed direction 150 degrees without turning or coming to a stop.

e. No physical characteristics were noticeable except as already mentioned. The light on top of the saucers was internal and not projected, since it was not reflected off the DC-4.

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f. The light did not pulse but was steady, and the objects were sharply outlined. There was no corona or hazy periphery surrounding them. The dimming was as if by rheostat, or reduction of power. They also went completely off instantly and instantly reappeared.

g. The objects are definitely not of earthly origin.

6. One (1) copy only of overlay of WAC 357 concerning sighting location is attached to reports of Headquarters OSI, Commanding General, AMC, OSI District Office No. 21 and OSI District Office No. 7.

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FOR CG, AMC (Attn: MCIS):

Overlay of WAC 357 sighting location.

FOR DO #21, LANGLEY AFB:

Overlay of WAC 357 sighting location.

FOR HQ OSI:

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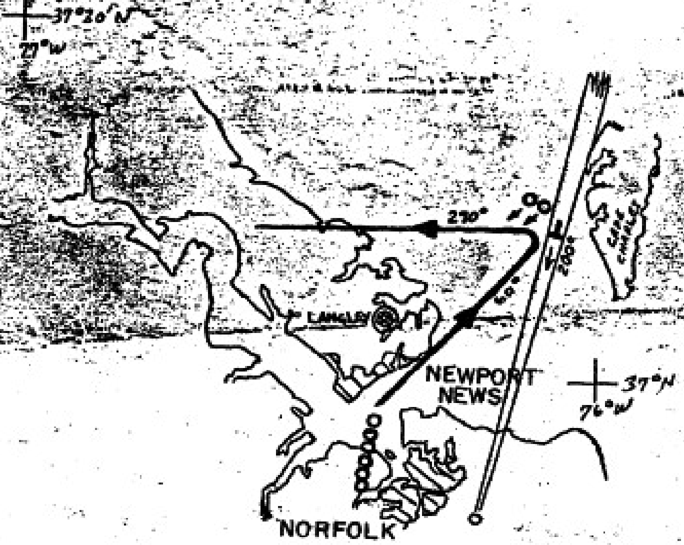
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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Allegedly Sighted by Mr. [redacted] [redacted], West Palm Beach, Florida - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy
Director for Estimates, Dir. of Intelligence, DCS/O
ATTN: Major Fournet

10 SEP 1952

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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir. of Special
Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt. Col. Free/in/AFCSI-6
Code 192, X-140

With reference to previous memoranda between your Directorate and this office in regard to the above subject, there is attached herewith a copy of a laboratory report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 3 September 1952, pursuant to your request of 26 August 1952. Also attached is the cap which Mr. [redacted] was wearing at the time of the alleged incident.

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1. FBI Lab Rpt
   No. PC-33720
   dtd 3 Sep 52
2. Envelope Containing
   Cap

LUCIUS L. FREE
Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Br.

COMEBACK COPY - Lt. Col. Free

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492nd Engr, Const. Bn.
Bldg. 100, Dale Mabry Field
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January 22, 1953

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22 JAN 1953
OPC Instructor Group
Tallahassee, Fla.

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

TO : G-2, Third Army
Fort McPherson
Atlanta, Georgia

1. On January 21, 1953, between 1440 and 1450 hours, an unidentified aerial object was sighted from the north side of Gadsden County High School in Quincy, Florida.

2. The sighters were: fifteen members of Mrs. [redacted] sixth grade, members of Mrs. [redacted] and a high school junior, [redacted]

3. An investigation revealed the following:
a. The object appeared to be round in shape, it was silvery in color, it reflected sun light, it made no sound, it left no vapor or exhaust trail, and although it followed a straight line course, it appeared to tumble in flight.
b. The object was sighted in the north-west at eleven o'clock high. It s course appears to have been due West. It was under observation for one to one and a half minutes. Its final disappearence was apparently due to distance.
c. When first sighted the object was reported to have had a realtive size of about a four inch circle. When last sighted it appeared as a tiny speck reflecting sun light.
d. The weather was clear and cool. Temperature between 65 and 75 degrees. There were absolutely no clouds.

4. The undersigned officer has supporting evidance of the sightings in the form of eye witness written reports.

5. The undersigned officer wishes to point out that although he is the husband of the only adult sighter, he has done everything possible to prevent this relationship from biasing this report.

William D. Munroe
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USAR INSTR GP, UNITED STATES ARMY, P. O. Box 731, Tallahassee, Florida, 30 January 1953

TO: Chief, Florida Military District, P. O. Box 1170,
Jacksonville, Florida

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Captain, Artillery
Senior Instructor

FMD 1453

FMDSB 350.09
(22 Jan 53)
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HQ FLA MIL DIST, THIRD ARMY AREA, P.O. Box 1170, Jacksonville, Florida FEB 2 1953

TO: Commanding General, Third Army, Ft McPherson, Ga, ATTN: AJACI

1. Forwarded.

2. There has been no mention made of this report on the state page of the two Jacksonville newspapers.

3. Eye-witness written reports will be obtained from Capt Munroe if desired by your headquarters.

Madge Williams Admin Asst S-2
for URIE E. PARKS, JR.
Capt, TC
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23 JUN 1954

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your Command on 17 June 1954, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your Command in accordance with instructions outlined in Paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.

2. On 16 June 1954, at approximately 1030 hours, this office was requested by the Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, to contact the Air Force Missile Test Center Intelligence Officer, regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects near Indialantic, Florida.

3. On 18 June 1954, Major R. C. SMALLEY, Intelligence Branch, AFMTC, advised that on 11 June 1954, Mr. [redacted] had reported that at 2130 hours, EST, 8 June Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, had reported that at 2130 hours, EST, 8 June 1954 [redacted]as looking out over the Atlantic ocean, East of Neptune Hall, Indialantic, Florida. The weather was overcast, with intermittent showers. An intense white beam, brighter than a flashlight beam, but approximately the same size as a large flashlight beam, was noted shining from a point of approximately 100 yards offshore. The light flashes lasted for approximately four (4) seconds and rotated clockwise for approximately 10 cycles. After an approximate three (3) minute interval, the light began to cycle again for approximately 10 cycles. [redacted]turned on the spotlight of his automobile and directed the spotlight at the area of the lights. At this time, the light quit cycling and nothing could be seen. The lights did not reoccur after the spotlight was turned off. A check of the local charts and tide tables indicate approximately forty (40) feet of water at the site of the above occurrence at the time it occurred.

4. On 16 June 1954, this office was requested to determine circumstances surrounding an entry in the Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object on 15 June 1954, by an Air Policeman on guard duty at Patrick Air Force Base. Entry #740, recorded at 2135 hours,

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

15 June 1954, under Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, reflected that A/3C [redacted] Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, saw a bright object flying approximately 100 feet high, to the [redacted] The object turned from white to red, to green, and to blue. The control tower was notified. [redacted] was interviewed on 16 June 1954, and advised that approximately 2130 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, he noticed a glowing light in the sky, Northwest of Post #26, at approximately 200 feet altitude, over the edge of the flying field or the Banana River. The glow appeared nearly round in shape and resembled an aircraft landing light. The glow was first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from original position sighted. The glow appeared almost immediately in the same position, red in color, changing to bright white; remained visible a short time and disappeared suddenly. The entire period of visibility was approximately five (5) minutes. [redacted] stated that he saw a small cloud drift behind object while visible. [redacted] stated that the moon was visible south of his post and was practically obscured by clouds. The object sighted was approximately one-fourth the size of the moon, which was nearly full. It is noted that [redacted] has previously completed most of the Air Force pilot's training course.

5. On 16 June 1954, S/Sgt EARL H. BENEDICT, AF-12517434, Weather Detachment, Patrick Air Force Base, advised that the following information is contained in the weather report for 15 June 1954:

Observation made - 2129 hours, EST
Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
Overcast clouds at 12,000 feet
Visibility 15 miles
Wind SSW - 5 miles per hour
Altimeter - 29.950 inches
Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 10 miles per hour
Wind at 2,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 11 miles per hour

6. On 16 June, this office was requested to contact Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, concerning the sighting of an unidentified object at Vero Beach, Florida, 15 June 1954. Captain WILLIAM E. PERRY, Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, advised that the Airdrome Officer's report for 15 June 1954 contained information to the effect that Mr. J. W. KILMARTIN, Airways Operations Specialist, CAA, Vero Beach, Florida, reported an aerial object observed at 2124 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, located approximately 10 miles NNW of Vero Beach. The light changed from amber to bright white, to a green color. The aerial object was again observed at 2122 hours, EST, by [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] of Eastern Airlines. The

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object sighted at 2132 hours appeared to be at 1,000 ft. altitude, over the Vero Beach VOR transmitter, with no definite silhouette. The object appeared to descend below the trees and arose again. PERRY stated that the operations records reflect no aircraft known to be operating in the area of Patrick AFB at the time of the sighting. S/Sgt BENEDICT, previously referred to, Weather Detachment, Patrick AFB, advised the following information is contained in the weather observer's report for 15 June 1954:

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7. On 17 June 1954, this office was advised by [redacted] [redacted] Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, that at 2325 hours, EST, 16 June 1954, he sighted an unidentified aerial object from the aircraft parking ramp, adjacent to the southwest corner of Hangar 300, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. These two [redacted] called to airmen from Base Operations to witness [redacted] /wo (2) airmen were: [redacted] an [redacted] [redacted] both of 6550th Air Base Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. [redacted] first sighted SSW of MOSELEY, at a 20 degree angle of elevation, and as a bright light moving in a northerly direction. The object moved northward to a position directly west of observers, at an angle of elevation of 50-60 degrees. The object traveled a general northerly course during this movement and appeared to veer right and left at sharp angles while moving. The rate of speed was greater than that of an aircraft. The color of the object was a blue florescent, changing intermittently to white. No discernible features were visible, no sound was heard, and no trail or exhaust was discernible. The light blinked continually and at regular intervals. The object appeared to climb in a northwest direction after the stop directly west of Patrick AFB. The object appeared to continue to climb and was visible until obscured by cloud coverage at 0015 hours, EST, 17 June 1954. The object appeared to be several times larger than the brightest visible star. A full moon was visible in the sky also. Occasionally, when the light blinked and became brighter, it appeared that the object might be crescent shaped on the lower side. No air traffic was known to be in the area at the time. It was noted that Major [redacted] is a Senior Pilot and a[redacted] at the time of the sighting. Records of the Patrick Air Force Base Weather Detachment reflect the following information for 16 June 1954:

Observation made at 2330 hours, EST, 16 June 1954
Surface temperature - 79 degrees Fahrenheit
Surface wind - ESE at 12 miles per hour
Clouds - 3/10 cumulus at 1700 feet

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Clouds - 2/10 stratus at 2,500 feet
3/10 cirrus at 25,000 feet
Humidity - 81%
Visibility - 10 miles
Weather balloon released at 2200 hours.

8. All of the above information was furnished verbally to Lt. Colonel TYLER M. BIRCH, Staff Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, on 16 and 17 June 1954.

cc: Dir OSI (2 cys)
Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFIAA-2C, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, THRU: 5th District Office OSI (2 cys)

JAMES W. LOVENBURY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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19 January 1955

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SUBJECT: ~~U~~NIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, Bradenton, Fla.

TO: ~~C~~ommander
MacDill AFB, Florida
ATTN: Provost Marshal

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1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your Command on 6 January 1955, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your Command with instructions outlined in paragraph 7, AFL 200-5.

2. At approximately 2045 hours, 6 January 1955, this office was telephonically informed by A/3C [redacted], of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, that he and two other airmen, A/3C [redacted] and A/3C [redacted] also of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, had observed an object in the air, south of Bradenton, Florida, which they were unable to identify. [redacted] reported that, on 6 January 1955, at approximately 2000 hours, as he and the other two airmen were driving north on U.S. Highway #41, two to three miles south of Bradenton, Florida, one of the other airmen called his attention to a light emitted from a dark object which appeared to be at an altitude of 300 to 1000 feet, approximately 1500 feet west of the highway on which they were driving. [redacted] added that during the ten seconds in which this dark object was visible, two other blinding flashes of light were emitted from it. He explained that the object itself was black and, in size, he estimated that a nickel held at arm's length would have covered the circular object. He further explained that the light emitted by this object was so intense as to illuminate the entire area, the automobile, and the highway, and that it reminded him of the illumination of a photoflash bulb or shortcircuiting high-tension lines. [redacted] further stated that the atmosphere was clear, that the moon was bright, and that stars were also visible, but that this object was, in his opinion, no star and certainly was not the moon. [redacted] also advised that he had made a similar report to the Florida Highway Patrol, near Bradenton, Florida, immediately following the sighting of the unidentified object.

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21 Feb 67, under the authority of the Directorate
of Special Investigations, by ____ Capt
AFISIIC. UNCLASSIFIED (Name) (Grade)

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

3. This information was furnished verbally to Lt Colonel WILLIAM H. DAMES, Adjutant, 809th Air Base Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, on 6 January 1955.

cc: Dir OSI

ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, O. ATTN: AFIAA-2C (Thru DO #5)

JAMES W. LOVENBURY
Lt Colonel, USAF
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MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

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9 August 1956

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object.

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified flying object sighted by Naval Officer in vicinity of Keystone Heights, Florida, on 4 August 1956 at approximately 2200 hours.

2. DETAILS: [redacted], Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, on 6 August 1956, telephonically advised Special Agent LEROY CROSLEY of the Jacksonville OSI Detachment, that he had seen an unidentified flying object at approximately 2200 hours, 4 August 1956, in the vicinity of Keystone Heights, Florida. He noted a small ball of flame travelling horizontally with several small balls of flame behind it, similar to a rocket. Lt [redacted] stated that the object was visible for approximately two (2) seconds until it disappeared behind trees. The object was moving from East Northeast to West Southwest. Lt. [redacted] was of the opinion that the object was some sort of rocket. No additional data available.

3. ACTION: Commander, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Commander, Orlando AFB, Florida; Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio ATTN: ATIAA 2-C; Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado are being furnished copies of this report. Base Operations Officer, MacDill AFB, Florida notified.

4. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(c), AFR 205-1.

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Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed in Vicinity of Hastings, Florida, 28 October 1958

TO: Commander, Orlando AFB, Orlando, Florida
Commander, AFMTC, Patrick AFB, Florida

ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. The following is furnished to confirm your oral advisement by Special Agent CHARLES T. HART -- Special Agent ROY C. TUCKER, on 31-30 October 1958, of the above cited matter.

2. At 1215 hours, 30 October 1958, Mr. THOMAS M. QUICK, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service, on TDY with the Jacksonville Office of that agency, orally advised Special Agent CLARENCE N. KIRKLAND of our Jacksonville Office, that while traveling northeast on Highway 207, in the vicinity of Hastings, Florida, at 1330 hours, 28 October 1958, he observed an object of "white heat intensity," approximately the size of a basketball, cross approximately 200 yards in front of his automobile. According to Mr. [redacted], the object was falling at a 45 degree angle from his right to left, and appeared to be coming from the direction of Cape Canaveral. Mr. [redacted] reportedly saw the object hit in an open field, approximately 100-150 feet directly to the left of his car, but did not stop to investigate or to report the matter to any other agency.

3. In connection with the above, Special Agent KIRKLAND further advised that during the course of other business in the Jacksonville area, he had heard an unconfirmed report from an unidentified source alleging that the tower operator at Imeson Airport, Jacksonville, Florida, had observed an Unidentified Flying Object at 1250 hours, 28 October 1958, traveling in a northeasterly direction over the ocean, away from Jacksonville.

4. The above is furnished for your information and any action you feel appropriate, pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2, dated 15 February 1958, as amended by AFR 200-2a, dated 3 July 1958. No further action regarding the above is contemplated by this office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
7TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

17 MAR 1959

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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed in Vicinity of Princeton, Florida, 24 February 1959

TO:
Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Your attention is invited to the inclosed.

2. The attached report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 904a, Change 51-2 to OSI Bulletin Nr. 51, even though such requirement may pertain to only the sighting of Soviet satellites or rockets and the re-entry and location of recoverable portions thereof.

3. While it is realized that the actions of the OSI Detachment Commander in this instance were possibly not in strict accordance with existing directives, it is felt in responding to information received from a member of his staff, OSI has performed a service to the Commander concerned. In the absence of specific instructions from your Directorate to the contrary, and in the interest of National security, I will, where appropriate, continue to use my best judgment on these matters. However, to insure that Special Agents of this District are judicious in expenditure of investigative effort in such matters, the provisions of applicable directives will again be brought to the attention of all concerned.

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Colonel, USAF
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Homestead AFB,
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7th OSI DISTRICT (IG) USAF
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

17 MAR 1959

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SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Observed in Vicinity of Princeton, Florida, 24 February 1959

TO: Commander
823rd Combat Support Group
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Homestead AFB, Florida

1. This letter is in confirmation of an oral report rendered by our Detachment Commander, Homestead AFB, Florida, to your Provost Marshal, concerning a reported unidentified flying object.

On 25 February 1959, Major RICHARD E. KYLE, AO-565917, Base Information Services Officer, 823rd Combat Support Group, Homestead AFB, Florida, telephonically informed Special Agent WILLIAM C. WALKER, JR., of our Homestead AFB Detachment, that he had received a telephone call from a Mr. [redacted], Princeton, Florida, who reported observing what he believed to be an unidentified flying object west-southwest of Princeton, Florida. According to Major KYLE, [redacted] had been in the company of two other persons when the sighting occurred during the late afternoon of 24 February 1959.

On 25 February 1959, [redacted] was interviewed at his home [redacted], Princeton, Florida, by Special Agent WALKER, and related that prior to 1830 hours, 24 February 1959, while eating ice cream at a Tastee Frees Drive-in, located on South Dixie Highway, Princeton, Florida, he observed an object in the sky about 10 degrees above the horizon in a west-southwesterly direction. [redacted] described this object, which he observed for about five to six minutes, as being about 20 miles away, stationary, oblong in shape, with a flat bottom and a dome top. [redacted] further described this object as having a brilliant gold color. [redacted] said that there were a few clouds in the sky on either side of observed object, but that the object in no way resembled clouds because of the distinct difference in color or configuration of the object in comparison with the clouds. [redacted] said that observed object had smooth, clean lines, whereas the nearby clouds appeared to have ragged, uneven lines.

[redacted] stated that after observing this object for four to five minutes, he turned to the employees of the Tastee Frees establishment and

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jokingly asked if they wanted to see a "flying saucer". According to [redacted], the employees were unable to observe the object from inside the building because of a low hanging outside canvas awning surrounding the front of the building. [redacted] stated that as the employees were leaving the building, he turned to again observe the object and noticed that three very small objects appeared to have just left the initially observed large object, and the small objects were close to, but moving away from the large object. [redacted] described these three small objects as being extremely white, or brilliant in color, and having the same general configuration as the large object, and each of the three smaller objects, which appeared to be in a triangular formation, were emitting from their rear a brilliant sparkler effect (such as a fireworks sparkler).

[redacted] stated that the three small objects moved in a southwesterly direction at a speed which he compared to conventional aircraft, and that they appeared to gain altitude very slightly. After observing the three objects for about three to five minutes, he noticed that one object to the right of the formation turned toward the west and gradually disappeared. The remaining two continued on a south-southwesterly course until they were out of sight.

[redacted] continued by stating that shortly after the three smaller objects seemingly left the large object, the latter began to move with increasing speed toward the west-northwest, diminishing to a very small oblong gold speck before entering a distant cloud. [redacted] added that when this object began to move, he noticed an orange glow at the aft end of the object which was slightly less than one-third in size to the observed object. [redacted] continued by stating that shortly after the departure of the object, he observed what he thought to be an Air Force aircraft arrive and seemingly search the area, in that the plane flew back and forth. At this time, [redacted] compared the color of the aircraft with the earlier observed three small objects, and stated that the plane, which had a dull silver color, was very dark compared with the brilliance of the three small objects.

[redacted] advised that he is 72 years of age, is a retired engineer, and is active in sports, specifically tennis. Further, that he did not originally intend to report this incident until he thought of the close proximity of Homestead AFB, and decided that he should report his sightings to military authorities.

On 25 February 1959, Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] both age 50, and residing [redacted] Princeton, Florida, were interviewed separately by Special Agent WALKER. Mr. [redacted] stated he was formerly a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, is semi-retired, [redacted] an interest in the [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] from where instant flying objects were observed. Both interviewees furnished substantially the same information as that furnished by Mr. [redacted], with the exception that they believed there were two small objects instead of three, that one object was behind and to the left of the lead object, and that the last object pulled alongside, then ahead of the lead object. They believed that the large object, when departing, moved first in a west-northwest direction then changed course to a west-southwest direction.

On 25 February 1959, HOWARD P. BOWEN, M/Sgt, AF-6920639, NCOIC, Traffic Section, Base Operations, Homestead AFB, Florida, after reviewing traffic cards reflecting aircraft dispatches for the evening of 24 February 1959, informed Special Agent WALKER that no aircraft was sent aloft to or was indicated as being in the vicinity of observed objects. BOWEN contacted the Base Weather Station and learned that the weather radar scope was not in operation during the afternoon and evening of 24 February 1959. BOWEN stated that the weather radar scope is presently the only radar system presently in operation at Homestead AFB, Florida.

2. The above is furnished for your information and any action you feel appropriate, pursuant to instructions contained in AFR 200-2, dated 15 February 1958, as amended by AFR 200-2a, dated 3 July 1958. No further action regarding this matter is contemplated by this office.

cc: Dir
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EUGENE C. CROPPER
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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7th OSI DISTRICT (IG) USAF
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

24-0 26 MAY 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighted by [redacted]

TO: Commander
MacDill AFB, Florida
ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. This letter is in confirmation of an oral report to the Provost Marshal, on 22 May 1959, concerning the above.

2. As previously reported, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] telephonically contacted this office on 19 May 1959, and stated the following:

At 2330 hours, 18 May 1959, he turned off his television set and went into the bedroom, turned out the light, and when glancing out the window noticed a "ball of fire" suspended in the air, approximately tree level height, around 500 yards from the house. This object was approximately "one-half the size of a house" in circumference, and had four golden points protruding evenly from it, with each point being approximately the "size of a pine tree." He observed this object for approximately ten seconds but did not see any motion or hear any noise coming from it. The object gradually faded out and while doing so changed many colors. The points continued to show a golden color throughout until they too faded from sight. [redacted] stated he drew a picture, in color, of this object which he would make available to this office if so desired.

3. Subsequent efforts to contact [redacted], on 19 May 1959, met with negative results; however, he was recontacted at 1405 hours on 20 May 1959, at which time he reiterated the above and furnished the following additional data regarding his sighting:

The object was in the south; the sky condition was described as cloudy; the moon was observed in the north; and wind conditions were estimated by [redacted] to be at the rate of 5 miles an hour from the west. The object was on an azimuth of 70 degrees.

4. On 22 May 1959, this office received a letter from [redacted] postmarked 21 May 1959, Lutz, Florida, with return address [redacted] Florida, in which he described the sighting and attached the

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picture which he drew of the object, and referred to above. This correspondence is attached for your information.

5. During telephonic conversations with [redacted], it was ascertained that this is not his correct name but one by which he is allegedly known throughout Florida in the field of music. [redacted] did not disclose his correct name or occupation but did advise that he was 17 years of age. This individual appeared sincere in all conversations. Files of this office fail to reflect any record of this person or similar sightings during the period indicated.

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Mr. [redacted]

Monday nite, 29 minutes until twelve I saw object toward south for 10 seconds. It was cloudy with a full moon towards the north. Wind was at a rate of five miles per hour from the west. The four points on the object were as long as a pine tree. The ball of fire was about as big as a half of a house, and colored in red, orange, & purple. The points were light yellow, & looked to be red hot. The object was about two lengths of of (sic) a pine tree from the ground. The object was real bright fading out inside of 10 seconds. Just as I looked out my bed-room window the object was there. My bed-room light was off. The object was in a 7 degree angle. The ball of fire seemed to be as hot as the sun - plus the four points. Exactly at one o'clock in the morning as I was standing outside in the back yard after the object had been gone, I saw five red lights flicker off and on - each one at a different split second & not far from where I saw the object. This was up in the sky not far from the ground. This was after the object was gone. These lights flickered for about three seconds - each one, about a half of a second - or a split second. These lights were in the same place up in the sky as the object was. I got a good look at the object. This picture is no phony. After I walked in my bed-room, turned on my light, slipped off my shoes, turned off the light, laid on the bed & looked out the window - thats when I saw the object. So I figure the object was there before I looked out the window and then it started fading away. I walked out of the house here at 11:30 P.M. Mr. [redacted] all the timing is what I figure, because I do have a habit of looking at my watch all the time.

This is all I know about the object and the information you want.

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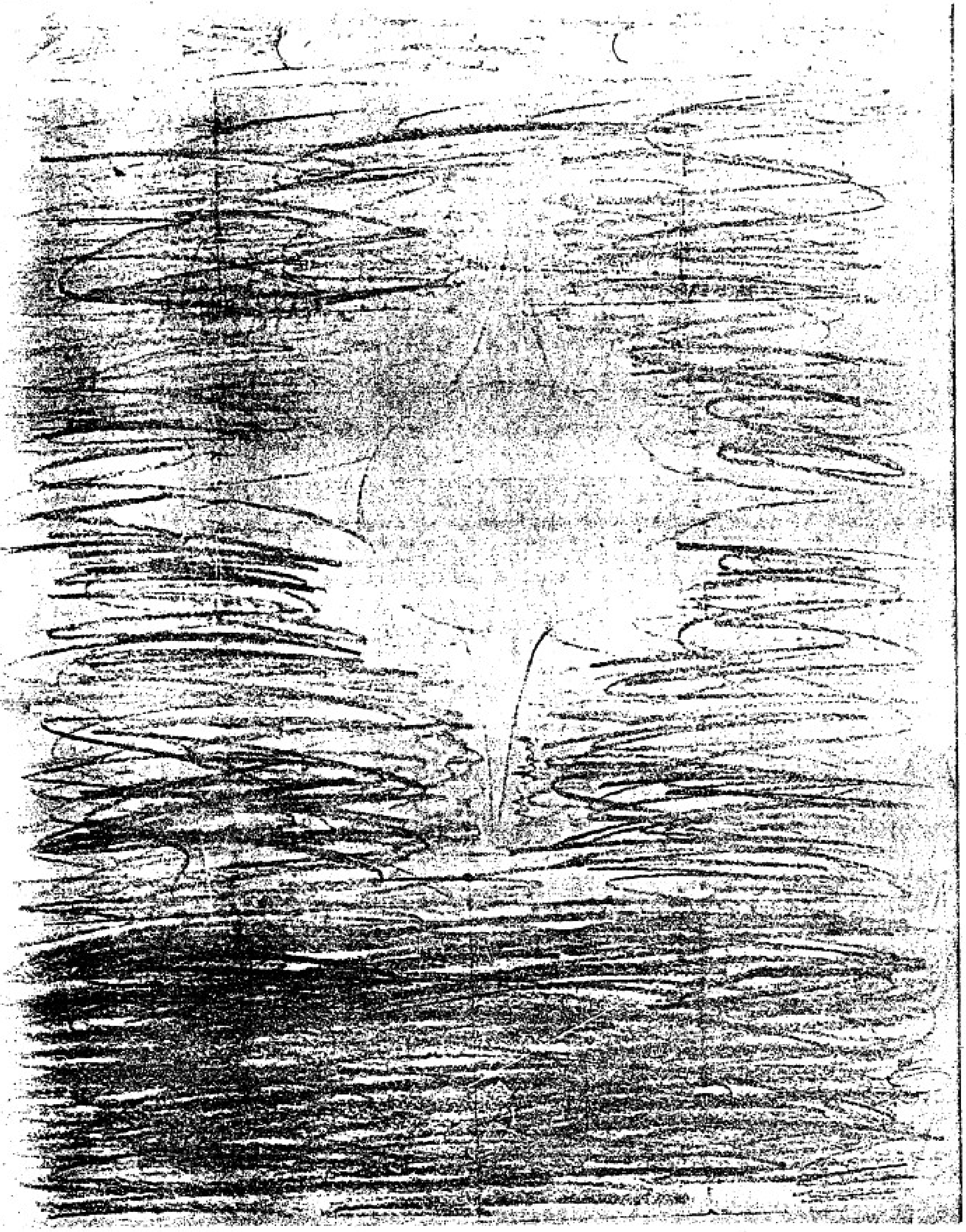
/s/ [redacted]



7th OSI DISTRICT [illegible]
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

24-0 4 JUN 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighted by WARREN W, [redacted]

TO: Commander
1707th Air Transport Wing, Heavy (Tng)
Palm Beach AFB, Florida

1. This is in confirmation of oral referral by Special Agent JOHN F. SNYDER of our West Palm Beach Detachment office to the Wing Provost Marshal, your command, regarding the alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object, on 25 May 1959.

2. The following is furnished your office in accordance with AFR 200-2:

a. Description of Object: A very, very bright, round light.

b. Course of Object: Stationary.

c. Manner of Observation: Ground Visual.

d. Time and Date of Sighting: Between 2100 and 2130 hours, 25 May 1959.

e. Identity of Observer: Name: [redacted]; Age: 40; Address: [redacted] Florida; Occupation: Sea Captain.

f. General Information: [redacted] advised that he had walked into his back yard, at the above address, for the purpose of viewing the stars and planets in the sky. He stated that as he was facing the west, he looked towards the north-northwest and noticed a very, very bright light, which he believed to be directly over, or approximately over, Palm Beach Air Force Base, which he first thought to be the planet Venus or possibly Jupiter. [redacted] advised he observed the light for approximately ten to fifteen seconds, during which time the light remained stationary. He advised that the light appeared to be at a forty-five degree angle between Venus and the horizon. [redacted] stated that at first he felt possibly the light was an UFO; however, discounted this thought since the light remained stationary. He advised that on 26 May 1959, at approximately the same time,

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he again returned to his back yard and immediately noticed that the light was not present in the vicinity he had observed it the previous night. [redacted] advised that he has been interested and has studied the stars and planets since childhood, and is cognizant of the fact that stars do not shift positions as rapidly from one night to the next, and this prompted him to make an official report of his observations. [redacted] advised that he is a private flyer and from his knowledge of flying would estimate the altitude of the light to be from 10,000 feet up, depending on the size of the light.

3. The above is furnished for your appropriate action. No additional information regarding this matter has been reported to this office during the period in question; however, you will be advised in the event pertinent information becomes available.

EUGENE C. CROPPER
Colonel, USAF
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	REPORT MADE BY Herbert E. Corson, SA	
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT on 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama by Mr. [redacted]	REPORT MADE AT 6th Dist OSI (IG), Marietta AFB, Ga.	
	PERIOD 6 October 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN 8th Dist OSI (IG), Maxwell AFB, Ala.	
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SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

AFOSI Letter #65, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that he sighted an unidentified flying object 30 to 50 miles southwest of Montgomery, Alabama at approximately 0340, 23 July 1948, at an estimated altitude of 5000 feet. This object was flying northeast to southwest at an estimated speed of at least 500 miles per hour. [redacted] reported this to Eastern Air Lines Publicity Control Officials on 23 July 1948.

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TITLE: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT: CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT; FILE NO: 24-185; DATE: 2 November 1949

DETAILS:

AT MARIETTA AFB, GEORGIA

1. At approximately 1400 hours, 6 October 1949, [redacted] Eastern Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia, stated that he had seen an unidentified flying object on 23 July 1948, which he assumed to be a secret type USAF aircraft, and reported same to the Eastern Air Lines Public Relations Representatives and Safety Board Officials.

2. On 6 October 1949, [redacted] ody [redacted] N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed and supplied the following data:

Date of sighting	23 July 1948
Time of sighting	0340 hours
Place of sighting	30 to 50 miles southwest of Montgomery, Alabama. Observer's position was from the cockpit of an Eastern Air Lines D-3 at approximately same altitude as unidentified flying object.
Number of objects	One (1)
Celestial phenomena	None.
Distance of object from observer	Observer had forward and going away view from about 2 to 3 miles distance.
Time in sight	5 to 8 seconds
Appearance of object	A double-decked cigar shape fuselage, illuminated thru apparent port-holes, resembling a D-C 6 without wings in size and appearance.
Direction of flight	Northeast to southwest.
Tactics of maneuvers	Object appeared to be traveling in straight and level flight at same altitude but to the right and in an opposite direction to

[redacted]

Tactics of maneuvers (cont'd)	that of observer. After passing abreast of airliner carrying observer, object tended to disappear upwards to the rear and disappeared into overcast.
Evidence of exhaust	A cherry red flame extended 50 to 75 feet to rear of object.
Effect on clouds	None.
Lights	The forward two-thirds of cylindrical unidentified flying object appeared to have two well defined rows of cabin lights.
Support	No wings
Propulsion	Appeared to be result of jet power.
Control	Excellent - well coordinated gentle climbing turn into clouds prior to disappearance
Air ducts	None observed.
Speed	At least 500 miles per hours.
Sound	None audible.
Manner of disappearance	Disappeared into cloud bank to rear of observer, after slight climbing turn.
Weather	(At 5000) Visibility - Excellent, with 25 mile range. High - broken clouds - brilliant moonlight - faint trace of light breeze.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] N.E., Atlanta, [redacted]

[redacted]

Occupation	1st Pilot - Eastern Air Lines.
Place of business	Atlanta Office - Eastern Air Lines.
Pertinent hobbies	Photography.
Ability to determine	Excellent
Reliability of observer	During the war, observer was a Lt. Col. Pilot, USAF, in a command capacity on the Ascension Islands, with vast experience in judging and identifying aircraft.
Witnesses	[redacted] formerly with Eastern Air Lines. Address unknown. [redacted] Columbus, Ohio

Note: Captain [redacted] stated during the course of the interview that he has never sighted any unidentified flying object at any time other than at 0340, 23 July 1948.

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TITLE: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT; CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT; FILE NO: 24-185; DATE: 2 November 1949

INCLOSURES

The following inclosures are attached to each copy of report:

Incl. 1. Exhibit "A" - Extracted Article from Page 1, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 24 July 1948.

Incl. 2. Exhibit "B" - Extracted Article from Page 1, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 25 July 1948.

Incl. 3. Exhibit "C" - Extracted Article from Page 1, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 26 July 1948.

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ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, DATED [illegible] JULY 1948

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Two Eastern Air Lines pilots reported Saturday that their plane Friday night passed a tremendous wingless aircraft that shot 40 feet of flame from the back end and was traveling 500 - 700 miles per hour.

Capt. C[redacted]nd Co-pilot [redacted]said the object looked like a B-29 fuselage "blown up abo[redacted]" and was brilliantly lighted with 2 decks of big square windows. The object passed within several hundred feet of the DC-3 and then shot up into the clouds.

EXHIBIT "A"

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ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, DATED 25 JULY 1948
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Article with same information as 24th July with added speculation and denials by U. S. Air Force and Air Lines and plane manufacturers that the object was of U. S. make.

Passenger who also saw object identified as [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, who stated that all he saw was a flash of fire pass the DC-3.

EXHIBIT "B"

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A[redacted] ON PAGE ONE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, DATED 26 JULY 1949

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People all over the country seeing objects.

Mrs. [redacted] of Brookhaven, Georgia saw object.

[redacted] an Exposition Mills painter who lives near airport also saw object in past.

EXHIBIT "C"

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-46 REPORT MADE BY EDWARD SUPE
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT on 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Ala by M[redacted]	REPORT MADE AT DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama PERIOD 2 November 1949 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama STATUS CLOSED

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

Report of DO #6 indicated that the interview of Captain [redacted]ines Pilot, Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed that his sighting the 23 July 1948 did not occur on the same day as that reported by [redacted]R, the 21st of August 1948. No other pertinent information was developed and all outstanding leads have been investigated, therefore this report is considered closed by this office.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-61

DATE 15 December 1949

REPORT MADE BY LEE GIBSON, JR.

REPORT MADE AT DO #8, Maxwell AFB

PERIOD 23 November 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #8, Maxwell AFB

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Sighting of Flying Disc
on 23 November 1949 at
Eglin AFB, Florida,
by Personnel Radar Site #3

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

At 1420, 23 November 1949, it was reported that personnel on duty at Radar Site #3, Santa Rosa Island, Florida, had sighted an unconventional object located approximately three diameters above the moon. The personnel on duty at the Radar Site suspected that the object was a "flying disc". Investigation revealed that the object was first sighted at approximately 1200 by a group of personnel assigned to Radar Site #3 but was not reported to Eglin AFB until 1400 because the OIC did not wish to appear an alarmist. The object's appearance was that of a very shiny, metallic sphere. Photographs were taken and aircraft dispatched for the purpose of observation and the taking of photographs. The object was kept under constant surveillance until 1717 at which time it was definitely established by the APG Command the object was the planet Venus.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was telephonically requested by Lt. Colonel GEORGE DEVERALL, Director of Intelligence, APG, Eglin AFB, Florida, at 1420 hours, 23 November 1949. DEVERALL reported that personnel on duty at Radar Site #3, Santa Rosa Island, had sighted an unconventional object located at approximately three diameters above the moon. The personnel on duty at Radar Site #3 suspected that object was a "flying disc".

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent ARDEN J. STAIR and the writer.

AT SANTA ROSA ISLAND, FLORIDA

3. Investigation at Radar Site #3 revealed the following information:

a. Time of sighting was approximately 1200.

b. Object was not initially discovered by any one individual but by a group of perhaps twenty airmen, officers, and civilians working at the Radar Site #3.

c. The object was not reported to Eglin AFB until approximately 1400 hours because the officer-in-charge did not want to appear as an alarmist.

d. In appearance the object appeared to be a very shiny, metallic sphere suspended approximately three diameters above the moon at approximately one o'clock using the moon as the center of the clock.

e. At 1415 a reading was taken of the elevation and azimuth of the object and it revealed the following:

Elevation 612 Azimuth 3193

At 1525 another reading was taken and revealed:

Elevation 624 Azimuth 3315

f. Eglin AFB based aircraft were sent up for the purpose of observation and the taking of photographs. The pilots of these aircraft reported that the object appeared to be a planet. Photographs were taken and are included with this report as inclosures to the CG, AMC.

g. Attempts to pick-up object with radar met with negative results.

h. Interviews with various airmen and civilians at Radar Site #3 resulted in many varied personal descriptions of the object. Among these were:

(1) The object had an elongated center with what appeared to be flames coming from it.

(2) Smoke was seen coming from the object. The smoke appeared to be black similar to jet smoke. The source of the smoke appeared to be from the sides of the object.

(3) At approximately 1430 three observers reported that they saw the object make a very short, very fast U turn.

AT EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA

4. The object was kept under constant surveillance until approximately 1717 when the object was definitely identified as the planet Venus by the APG Command.

AT MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

5. On 23 November 1949 this phenomena was also observed at Maxwell AFB, Investigation substantiated the fact that the object observed was the planet Venus.

5 Inclosures:

FOR CG, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

Photographs taken of object by 3200th Photo M&A Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.: 24-57

DATE: 20 December 1949

REPORT MADE BY: EDWARD SUPE

REPORT MADE AT: DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

PERIOD: 5 December 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #8, Maxwell AFB

STATUS: CLOSED

TITLE: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT on 17 October and 7 November 1949 at East Tallassee, Alabama, by Mr. [redacted]

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

Mr. [redacted] was interviewed and stated that he sighted an unidentified flying object at East Tallassee, Alabama, on two different occasions; the first was sighted at approximately 1000, 17 October 1949 flying South at an estimated altitude of 40,000 feet and an estimated speed of over 500 miles per hour, the second object was sighted at approximately 1000, 7 November 1949 flying Southeast at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet and an estimated speed over 100 miles per hour.

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DETAILS:

AT MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

1. On 5 December 1[redacted]ast Tallassee, Alabama, was interviewed and supplied the following data:

a. Date of sighting	17 October 1949
Time of sighting	Approximately 1000
Place of sighting	At East Tallassee, Ala ,30 miles northeast of Montgomery, Alabama. Observer's position was on the ground.
Number of objects	One
Celestial phenomena	None
Distance of object from observer	Observer had a front view of object at a 45 degree angle. Estimated altitude of object was 40,000 feet.
Time in sight	45 seconds
Appearance of object	Bright object of white color appearing as an egg-shaped object only longer at the ends which tapered off. Its apparent construction was impossible to determine.
Direction of flight	Flying from North to South
Tactics or maneuvers	Stright and level flight with no loss of altitude. Its movement was concise and exact.
Evidence of exhaust	None
Effect on Clouds	Clear, no clouds
Lights	None
Support	None observed (did not have wings).

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Propulsion	None observed
Control and stability	Fine control; no stabilizers observed.
Air ducts	None observed (no protuberances of any type observed).
Speed	Estimated at over 500 MPH
Sound	None
Manner of disappearance	Faded out of sight into the South.
b. Date of sighting	7 November 1949
Time of sighting	Approximately 1000
Place of sighting	At East Tallassee, Ala. 30 Miles Northeast of Montgomery, Ala. Observer's position was on the ground.
Number of objects	One
Celestial phenomena	None.
Distance of object from observer	Observer had a lateral view of object at a 45 degree anble. Estimates altitude of object was 10,000 feet.
Time in sight	30 minutes
Appearance of object	Bright object of oblong shape without wings and appearing wider at the front end. Its apparent construction was impossible to determine.
Direction of flight	Came out of the North and after circling this area for approximately 30 minutes disappeared into the Northeast.
Tactics of Maneuvers	Straight and level flight from the North; then it slowly and concisely circled with no apparent loss of altitude, and then finally resumed a straight and level flight disappearing into the Northeast.

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Evidence of exhaust	None
Effect on clouds	None
Lights	None
Support	None observed (did not have any wings).
Propulsion	None observed
Control and stability	Under excellent control and circling deliberately and distinctively. No stabilizers observed
Air ducts	None observed; no protuberances
Speed	Estimated at over 100 miles per hour.
Sound	None
Manner of disappearance	Faded out of sight into the Northeast.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]st Tallassee, Ala.
Occupation	Barber
Place of business	East Tallassee, Alabama
Pertinent hobbies	None
Ability to determine	Unknown
Reliability of observer	Unknown; however, observer appears rational
Witnesses	No one witnessed the sighting on 17 October 1949. The sighting of 7 November 1949 was witnessed by Bobby Jean Pemberton, East Tallassee, Ala
RADAR	Log of 17 October 1949 and 7 November 1949 was checked with negative results.

[redacted]

2. On 14 December 1949 a check of the weather records at Weather Detachment, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, disclosed the following information:

a. Weather for 7 November 1949

0830 Weather

Ceiling clear, visibility 5 miles, smoke, wind direction North by Northwest, wind velocity 6 knots.

0930 Weather

Ceiling 25,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10 ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind calm

1030 Weather

Ceiling 25,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 10 miles, wind calm.

1130 weather

Ceiling 25,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 10 miles, wind calm.

1230 Weather

Ceiling 12,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 15 plus miles, wind direction Northeast, wind velocity 5 knots.

1330 weather

Ceiling 12,000 feet, less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 15 plus miles, wind direction Northeast, wind velocity 6 knots

b. Weather for 17 October 1949

0830 weather

Ceiling estimated at 4,000 feet more than 5/10ths coverage and at 600 feet with less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind direction South by Southeast, wind velocity 6 knots.

1030 weather

Ceiling 4,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind direction Northwest, wind velocity 5 knots.

1130 Weather

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Ceiling 3,000 feet, clouds more than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 8 miles, wind direction Southwest, wind velocity 8 knots

1230 weather

Ceiling 4,000 feet, clouds more than 5/10ths, visibility 15 miles, wind direction Northwest, wind velocity 12 knots.

1330 weather

Ceiling 4,000 feet, clouds less than 5/10ths coverage, visibility 15 plus miles, wind direction West by Northwest, wind velocity 13 knots.

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9 January 1950

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE, Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object on 17 October and 7 November 1949 at East Tallassee, Alabama, by Mr. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. The inclosed report of investigation from 8th OSI District, dated 20 December 1949, subject as above, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

2. This investigation was not requested by nor through this District Office.

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R/I dtd 20 Dec 49
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D. M. LYNCH
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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(Confidential) Radar Equipment in Knoxville, Tennessee Indicates Unidentified Objects in Vicinity of Oak Ridge. SPECIAL INQUIRY

Directorate of Intelligence, Air Intelligence Requirements Div, Documents & Dissemination Br.
The Air Provost Marshal, IG
~~XXXXX~~ Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel

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Mr. Waterman/lgf/6240
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The attached communication is forwarded as a matter of interest to your office.

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re above subject

attached

GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg. Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
OSI, IG, USAF

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SOURCE: TWX, CG, 3d Army, Ft McPherson, Ga; Telephone call, 5 Mar 50 to Director, OSI, from OSI District Commander, Maxwell AFB.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

3 March 1950

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Radar Equipment in Knoxville, Tennessee Indicates Unidentified Objects in Vicinity of Oak Ridge.

The following information was received from CG, 3d Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, and from OSI District Commander, Maxwell AFB: Mr. J. E. Adcock, Chief of Engineers of radar station near Knoxville operated by Radio Station WROL, reported to Mr. A. F. DAVIS, Chief of the AEC Security Division at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, that he cited through Radar Set AMP-7 between 2135 and 2330 hours, 1 Mar 50, an unidentified object, altitude 40,000 feet, bearing approximately 332° to 340° from Knoxville, distance 18 miles. The radar set operated on 19,000 megacycle frequency. Speed or direction of object undetermined.

AEC Security Division Chief at Oak Ridge, checked with Smyrna AFB, Nashville, which reported that there were no flight plans that would indicate a plane being in that vicinity and altitude. 3d Army checked with 14th AF with negative results.

On 2 Mar 50 one report indicated the station had picked up an object in approximately the same location at 1105 hours. Another report indicated that at 2000 hours, same date two unidentified objects appeared reportedly at an altitude of 30,000 feet, bearing 310° from Knoxville. There was no speed or direction indicated. No flight plans were reported.

At 1035 hours, 3 Mar 50, a report was again received from the same source indicating one unidentified object altitude 40,000 feet, 320° from Knoxville, same frequency, approximate speed 200 miles per hour. No direction but determined approximately the size of C-47 Aircraft.

AEC Security Division Chief is not certain as to operation efficiency of radar unit and has requested Smyrna AF Base to send qualified radar operator. Smyrna has no person so qualified but C.O. suggested 3d Army send qualified radar operator to check the equipment. Colonel GASSER, AF liaison to NEPA has requested Wright-Patterson AFB to send adequate radar set to Knoxville. Indications received that Wright-Patterson AFB will not send radar sets if they can be supplied from local sources. 3d Army reports no qualified radar operators.

[redacted] Knoxville, who made the sightings described above has a local reputation in Knoxville of being highly dependable. He was an engineer in radar experimentation work prior to and during World War II.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

6 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

1. Lt Colonel Patrick Hayes, OSI District Commander, Maxwell Air Force Base, telephonically furnished the following advice on the evening of 3 March 1950:

a. Mr. [redacted], Knoxville, Tennessee, reported to A. F. Davis, Chief of the AEC Security Patrol at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, that he sighted through radar set ANP-7 at 2330 hours, 1 March 1950, one unidentified object, altitude 40,000 feet, bearing 332° from Knoxville. The radar set operated on 19,000 megacycle frequency. Speed or direction of object undetermined.

b. At 2000 hours, 2 March 1950 he sighted two unidentified objects, altitude 80,000 feet, bearing 310° from Knoxville, Tennessee, same frequency. No speed or direction indicated.

c. At 1035 hours, 3 March 1950 he sighted one unidentified object, altitude 40,000 feet, bearing 320° from Knoxville, same frequency, approximate speed 200 miles per hour. No direction determined, approximate size of C-47 aircraft.

d. Colonel Hayes also advised that Colonel Gasser, Air Force liaison to NEPA, was advised of this and requested Wright Patterson AFB to send adequate radar sets to Knoxville. According to CIC, Knoxville, the Third Army will send mobile anti-aircraft radar sets if the AF cannot provide the radar sets necessary. A. F. Davis contacted the CO at Smyrna AFB as to any AF aircraft flying in the vicinity, receiving a negative reply.

e. Mr. Charles White, Chief of the Physics Section of AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, made an informal request to the local OSI representative to secure three portable radar sets from AF sources. The OSI representative advised White that OSI would process the request only if it were formally made. White stated that he desired to obtain approval from higher AEC authority before making a formal request.

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f [redacted] who made the sighting described above, has a local reputation in Knoxville as being highly dependable. He was an engineer in Radar Experimentation Work prior to and during World War II.

2. Colonel Hayes advised that he had been informed that Wright Patterson will not send the radar sets unless OSI could not provide necessary sets from local sources. Apparently official circles have become somewhat excited concerning these reports and Hayes thought it well to advise this Hq of the matter.

3. I told Colonel Hayes that his office should not on its own arrange for obtaining and providing radar sets; that we should merely render the facts made available to us to appropriate authority for necessary determination and action if deemed desirable. I stated that since Colonel Grasser was in touch with Wright Patterson on this matter that Hayes should insure that he had furnished all relevant data to Wright Patterson and that OSI should not endeavor to make an independent determination as to whether radar sets should or should not be made available; that his office should, of course, render any assistance which was requested by Wright Patterson or other competent AF authority.

4. Hayes stated that he would be guided accordingly.

JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Brigadier General, USAF
Director, Special Investigations
The Inspector General, USAF

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft,
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950.

2. The following incidents regarding unconventional aircraft have been reported within the investigative area of this district during the month of March:

a. The first incident concerns Mr. [redacted] Knoxville, Tennessee, owner of Knoxville [redacted], who is also the operator of a "ham" radar station in the Knoxville area.

(1) On 1 March 1950 [redacted] reported to the FBI and to the Oak Ridge Security Control, AEC, that he had sighted an unidentifiable object over Oak Ridge on his radar screen while in the process of operating his "ham" radar station. The object was sighted at 2330 1 March 1950, altitude 80,000 feet, bearing 332°. Speed undetermined.

(2) At 2130 2 March 1950 [redacted] picked up two objects on his radar screen in the presence of E. L. SEAGRAVES, Special Agent 111th CIC Detachment, and WILLIAM M. PRICE, OSI Agent this district. The pip on the radar screen was reported to be a series of X's, each approximately 1" high which were merging from right to left. [redacted] estimated the altitude 80,000 feet with an azimuth of 310° and the objects, according to [redacted], were traveling in a three to five mile circle over Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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(3) At 2245 2 March 1950[redacted] reported that he had observed that the objects mentioned above had reduced to one, the altitude decreased to 70,000 feet, other factors remaining consistent. [redacted] was unable to estimate speed of objects and reported that the objects faded from his screen at 0030 3 March 1950.

(4) At 1035 3 March 1950 [redacted] reported that he had observed the object reappearing at an altitude of 90,000 feet, azimuth 332° traveling at a speed of approximately 200 miles per hour and traveling in a circle of about three miles in diameter. The object's altitude decreased sharply down to about 40,000 feet. At 1130[redacted] reported that the object had climbed to 100,000 feet and had headed due east with a great increase of speed. The object left the screen at about 1230 3 March 1950 [redacted] advised. [redacted] compared the density of the object to that of a DC-3.

(5) On 3 March 1950 personnel assigned to the Naval Reserve Armory, Knoxville, Tennessee, attempted to pick up the object reported by [redacted]th radar equipment at the Armory. Results were negative.

(6) At 1007 4 March 1950 [redacted]again reported a sighting with the object having an altitude of 100,000 feet, azimuth 330°, speed 200 miles per hour, density DC-3. The object left the screen at 1026 4 March heading due east.

(7) At 1101 4 March 1950 [redacted]again reported a sighting; factors the same as reported in the previous paragraph. The object left the screen at 1401 heading due east.

(8) At 1025 6 March 1950 [redacted]again reported a sighting. Altitude 100,000 feet, azimuth 332°, density DC-4. Object was reported as describing a three mile circle. Object was reported to have headed due east at 1110 and faded out at 1130.

(9) At 1700 3 March 1950 the undersigned contacted Brigadier General JOSEPH E. CARROLL by telephone and advised him of the [redacted]ightings. At this time, General CARROLL stated that OSI would take no active part in investigating or verifying the [redacted] reports; however, OSI would, if called upon, act as an intermediary for other interested agencies. Instructions were passed on to Special Agent PRICE at Knoxville, and full compliance was made. ✓

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(10) The following persons and/or agencies were fully conversant with the ADCOCK incident: Special Agent in Charge JAMES A. ROBY, Knoxville Field Office, FBI; Third Army CIC; Naval Reserve Unit, Knoxville; Colonel C. D. GASSER, AMC Engineering Field Office, Oak Ridge; Security Division, AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Commanding Officer, Tennessee Military District; and Commanding General, 14th Air Force.

(11) On 9 March 1950 Colonel C. D. GASSER, AMC Engineering Field Office, NEPA Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who monitored the entire ADCOCK incident, forwarded a report to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, copy of which is attached hereto as Inclosure No. 1.

b. At 1130 18 March 1950 Major [redacted], [redacted] Court, Nashville, Tennessee, a mobilization assignee to the 314th Troop Carrier Wing, Intelligence Section, Smyrna Air Force Base, Tennessee, reported to Special Agent WALLACE FLOOD, Detachment Commander, OSI, Smyrna Air Force Base, that [redacted], Nashville, Tennessee, a photographer for the "General", a house paper published by the General Shoe Corporation, Nashville, Tennessee, had made a photograph of what might possibly have been an unconventional aircraft. [redacted] further disclosed that [redacted] had sold this photograph to Life magazine stating that it showed the trail left by a flying saucer or some other type unconventional type aircraft. [redacted] furnished a copy of the photograph which he allegedly obtained from [redacted]

(1) The photograph was taken by [redacted] on 9 March 1950 at about 1700 near Gurley, Alabama, which is approximately 20 miles from Huntsville, Alabama. The camera, a 4x5 B&J, press camera with Optar, 135 m.m., f 4.7 lens, was aimed east and tilted about 30° from horizontal towards the sky and mountain tops. The object traveled the distance shown in the picture in approximately three minutes, seemed to climb vertically for one and a half or two minutes and disappeared in a northwesternly direction. [redacted] stated that he was using super XX film, lens setting f.32, shutter speed 1/100 second, no filters.

(2) A copy of the picture taken by [redacted] is inclosed herewith marked Inclosure No. 2.

c. At 1000 18 March 1950 Captain E. M. ROSENTRETER, Intelligence Officer, 314th Troop Carrier Wing, reported that he had been notified by 1st Lt. DONALD J. McCARTHY, 62nd Troop Carrier Squadron, Smyrna AFB, of the following: McCARTHY had received a telephone call while on duty as Airdrome Officer at approximately 1900 17 March 1950 reporting what might have been an unconventional aircraft. Mr. [redacted], Athens, Tennessee, reported to McCARTHY that while standing on the street in Athens, Tennessee, at 1850 he had observed what he first thought to be an aircraft falling in flames. The object then straightened out and appeared to be diving, made a turn ~~to the~~ right from a heading of 75° to a heading of between 190 and 240 towards Chattanooga, then made a turn to the right and disappeared behind a cloud, direction toward Atlanta at 1855 hours. [redacted] reported the flame to be constant, white hot and an estimated one-half mile in length. Speed of object estimated at 400 to 700 miles per hour, altitude 20,000 to 35,000 feet. SCOTT stated that the object never appeared to be closer than 20 miles.

d. On 18 March 1950 the following article appeared in the Nashville Tennessean under the date line Chattanooga Associated Press: "An aerial object with a flaming exhaust gave scores of Chattanoogans the jitters at twilight yesterday. Calls from excited spectators jammed telephone lines into the Chattanooga Times and police headquarters. Many of the callers wondered 'if the thing was a flying saucer.' Others were certain it was a plane falling in flames. The tower operators said the craft was on a northwest to southeast course."

e. On 20 March 1950 Pilot [redacted] and Co-pilot [redacted] JR., Chicago & Southern Air Line, reported sighting of an unconventional type aircraft while near Hazen, Arkansas, while enroute from Memphis, Tennessee, to Little Rock, Arkansas, on a regularly scheduled commercial flight.

(1) Newspaper accounts of [redacted] and [redacted] sighting are inclosed herewith as Inclosures No. 3 and No. 4.

(2) At 1520 22 March 1950 Major NOLD, Headquarters OSI, contacted the Memphis OSI Detachment by telephone and questioned the Officer in Charge, Captain WILLIAM T. HECKART, asking if HECKART had interviewed ADAMS and ANDERSON. HECKART replied in the negative making reference to AFOSI Letter 85. NOLD inquired as to any Air Force personnel who might have questioned [redacted] or [redacted] NOLD made no further request.

(3) It was determined that no base personnel of the 2584th AFRTC, Memphis, Tennessee, had questioned either [redacted] or [redacted]

(4) On 22 March 1950 it was learned that Major DEWEY H. ORR, AO-917655, USAFR, Intelligence Officer, 516th Troop Carrier Wing (Reserve), Memphis, Tennessee, and Major RICHARD K. EASLEY, USAFR, 516th Troop Carrier Wing,

had interviewed [redacted]N who is a Captain in the 516th Troop Carrier Wing Reserve. The interview had been conducted at the request of Colonel WILLIS MITCHELL, USAFR, Commanding Officer, 516th Troop Carrier Wing, and Lt. Colonel CEYLON FRAZIER, USAFR, Executive Officer, 516th Troop Carrier Wing. ORR advised that he and EASLEY had signed the report which followed closely the attached news article and sent it to the Director of Intelligence, USAF.

f. On 23 March 1950 an article appearing in the Memphis Press Scimitar reported that two more Chicago & Southern pilots had revealed that they had sighted "strange and mysterious objects flitting thru the skies of the Southland" near Greenwood, Mississippi, at about 1239 hours 20 March 1950.

(1) Newspaper accounts of the second sighting by Pilot [redacted]and Co-pilot[redacted]RO are included herewith as Inclosures No. 5 and No. 6.

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

6 Incls:
1. Col. GASSER's Report
2. Photograph
3. Newspaper account of [redacted]
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NEPA Project, P. O. Box E
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

9 March 1950

SUBJECT: Report Re Alleged Object Flying Over Oak Ridge, Tennessee

THRU: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: Engineering Division MCREXP
Col. M. C. Demler

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: Chief, Engineering Division
Brig. Gen. R. P. Swofford, Jr.

1. This references a telephone conversation had with you at 1610 on 3 March 1950 concerning the subject matter. In connection therewith, attached will be found a Memorandum for Record covering applicable activities entered into by the writer and by Captain R. D. Cross of this office on behalf of above cited case. In reviewing the attached, the names of various individuals appear. A list of these individuals, together with their official capacities, is given below for familiarity purposes:

Mr. G. A. Goedjen - Assistant to the AF Plant Representative for Security, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Mr. W. M. Price - OSI - Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. E. L. Seagraves - CIC - Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. C. McSwain - FBI - Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. [redacted]- Holston Hills, near Knoxville, Tenn.
Mr. B. W. Menke - Chief, Security Division, AEC ORO.
Mr. R. P. Kurtze - Air Force Prov-Marshal's Representative, Oak Ridge,
Mr. F. P. Callaghan - Assistant Chief, Security Division, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Col. W. I. Sherwood - Tennessee Military District, Nashville, Tenn.
Col. R. O. Nunamaker - Tennessee Military District, Nashville, Tenn.

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Ltr TO CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O. ATTN: Chief, Eng Div, Brig. Gen. R. P. Swofford, Jr., THRU: Eng Div MCREXP, Col. M. C. Demler, Subj: "Report Re Alleged Object Flying Over Oak Ridge, Tenn" dtd 9 Mar 1950.

Capt. P. W. Henderson - Office, Director of Intelligence (A-2)
Headquarters, 14the Air Force.
1st Lt. J. W. Clancy - Office, Director of Communications and Electronics, Headquarters, 14th Air Force.

2. To the best of the writer's understanding, concurred in by Messrs. Goedjen, Price, Seagraves, McSwain and Callaghan, the Third Army did not take prompt, positive action to effect an on-the-site investigation of the reported incident, even though AEC ORO and the Liaison Office of the Tennessee Military District at ORO took immediate steps to report the situation as soon as it was brought to their attention, i.e.--on 2 March 1950. Illustrating this point, Third Army personnel have still not arrived as of this writing and 14th Air Force personnel called into the case by the Third Army did not arrive in Knoxville until the afternoon of 7 March 1950.

3. There is apparently something wrong with the system presently established to insure prompt, positive action by responsible defense authorities in case of a threat to Oak Ridge. It is not seen, for instance, how the Third Army or, for that matter, any other responsible military organization charged with protecting Oak Ridge, can effectively interpret the meaning of observations illustrated by the [redacted] case, without at least sending a competent individual to the site to make a personal investigation. For all anyone knows, Mr. [redacted] observations could very easily have been authentic, and it seems that the Third Army should have dispatched or arranged for dispatch immediately upon receipt of the first report, suitably qualified personnel and equipment to either confirm or deny the report. On the other hand, the matter was left to be accommodated by a group of people who had no direct responsibility (other than securing intelligence) but who took on the task, within their limited abilities, in an attempt to either confirm or deny Mr. [redacted] observations.

4. In view of the apparent delay by responsible military authorities in taking on-the-site investigative or protective measures on behalf of an installation as vital to the national welfare and defense of the United States as is represented by Oak Ridge, it is strongly recommended that this matter should be immediately brought to the attention of appropriate Department of Defense authorities with a view toward taking corrective action.

C. D. GASSER
Colonel, USAF
AMC Engineering Field Officer

Inclosure:

Memorandum for Record

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

3 March 1950 - At the request of Mr. Gene A. Goedjen, Chief of Security, Air Force Offices, S-50 Area, Oak Ridge, the writer entered into a conference with Mr. W. M. Price (OSI), Mr. E. L. Seagraves (CIC), Mr. C. McSwain (FBI), and Mr. Goedjen regarding a report received from Mr. [redacted] [redacted] of the Holston Hills residential district near Knoxville, Tennessee regarding an object that had been observed (by Mr. [redacted] over Oak Ridge at a period of approximately 1030 and 2300-2400 daily at an estimated altitude of 50,000'-100,000' on 1, 2, and 3 March 1950 in the scope of a 3" Lab. Test Oscilloscope used in conjunction with communications receiver. The object was reported to have remained in the scope for a period of 10-20 minutes and then to disappear from the scope. Messrs. Seagraves and Price advised of having observed cited object on 2 March 1950 at Mr. [redacted] residence, but that they were unable to interpret same because of their lack of familiarity with radar technology.

Mr. McSwain gave a resume of the situation, pointing out that Mr. [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] (radio station in Knoxville) and advised that Mr. [redacted] had informed him that he had considerable experience with radar, having participated in the development of radar equipment during the War. According to Mr. McSwain, Mr. [redacted]s thought of highly in Knoxville, both as an individual and as a radio technician. Mr. Price stated that Third Army authorities at Atlanta had presumably been advised of Mr. [redacted]s findings, and had been requested to furnish Army radar equipment to check the reported object. Messrs. McSwain and Price further stated that contact had been made with the Knoxville Naval Reserve Unit, who had radar, but were unable to detect anything even while an object was being reported by Mr[redacted]k via a telephone tie-line connection. It was assumed that the inability of the Navy radar resulted from inadequate range capabilities.

Captain R. D. Cross (having had operational radar experience during the war) was called in and briefed by the writer and was instructed to proceed to Mr. [redacted] residence to examine his "radar" and, if possible, to observe the object, starting at about 2200 in the company of Mr. Seagraves. The writer called Col. M. C. Demler (AMC) at 1610 and advised him of the above and suggested that the AMC be prepared to fly in radar equipment and technicians in the event the Third Army could not assist, and also to take steps through higher AMC authorities to alert appropriate Air Force (Defense Command) activities re intercepter and/or aircraft having airborne radar. Col. Demler stated he would advise Gen. R. P. Swofford (Chief, Engineering Division, AMC) and recommended that AEC, ORO should immediately advise AEC, Washington, who should in turn contact Department of Defense authorities where proper instructions would be issued to military activities immediately responsible. After the close of referenced telephone conversation with Col. Demler, the writer contacted Messrs.

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McSwain, Price and Seagraves and advised them of action taken and that AEC, ORO should carry out action recommended by Col. Lemler re contact with AEC, Washington and Department of Defense. At approximately 1330 the writer received a telephone call from Col. Hayes (?) (CIC), Montgomery, Alabama, (Mr. Price's senior authority) who stated that he was anxious to aid in any manner within his ability and that he was interested in securing an Intelligence report as soon as possible. The writer reached agreement with Col. Hayes that any Intelligence developed would be relayed via Mr. Price for whatever action was indicated.

4 March 1950 - At 0945 called Mr. F. P. Callaghan, Security Division, AEC, ORO (in the absence of Mr. Menke, Chief of Security Division, AEC, ORO) to inquire as to what official action had been taken by the AEC. Mr. Callaghan advised that while AEC, Washington had been informed of the circumstances, the Third Army was charged with the protection of Oak Ridge in emergencies, and that action had therefore been taken to contact Tennessee Military District authorities at Nashville as the first step. Mr. Callaghan further stated quite clearly that AEC, ORO was definitely confined to reporting such matters to appropriately designated authorities (Tennessee Military District and the Third Army) and beyond that, had no authority to request any specific action (such as requesting radar, etc.). The writer requested Mr. Callaghan to take another reading with Nashville to determine the nature of any action underway. This he did by phone and called back in a few minutes, advising that Nashville had informed him that the Third Army G-2, Army G-2 in Washington and the 14th Air Force had been appropriately advised and had the matter under consideration. He mentioned that it did not, however, appear that any action was imminent re sending radar or personnel to check Mr. [redacted] observations.

Following the close of the above mentioned telephone conversation with Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Robert P. Kurtze, Air Provost Marshal Representative assigned to the NEPA Project, called and requested advice re what action should be taken by his office. The writer gave Mr. Kurtze a resume' of events that had transpired and suggested that no steps appeared necessary pending the development of more positive action by the Third Army. At 1015 the writer contacted Capt. Cross and received a report from him that his duty the previous evening had proved uneventful, in that nothing of significance had appeared on the scope, and that there existed in his mind a major question relative to the authenticity of reported objects because of Mr. [redacted]s unfamiliarity with the scope and associated antenna equipment. At 1020 the writer received a telephone call from Mr. Price that Mr. Adcock had reported to him a few minutes earlier that the same object previously sighted was again definitely on his scope, having appeared at about 1015. The writer advised Mr. Price that contact would be made with Capt. Cross and that both the writer [redacted]pt. Cross would proceed at once to Mr. Adcock's residence. Called Mr. [redacted] immediately thereafter

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and was advised that the object was fading from the scope at a rapid rate. Advised Mr. [redacted] that [redacted] and the writer would proceed to his residence anyway to discuss the matter.

Arrived at Mr. [redacted]d after at first failing to raise his attention, was successful in gaining entrance. The writer immediately noted that Mr. [redacted] was partially intoxicated and that he was having difficulty in manipulating the various controls on the scope and radio. For the next two hours spent the time observing operation of the scope and sweep of the horizontal and vertical antennas in an effort to ascertain the precision of the equipment and the validity of Mr. [redacted]'s interpretations of images that appeared in the scope. Mr. [redacted] observed an airplane in the scope which could be audibly heard and visually observed as it passed nearby his residence. A minute or two thereafter Mr. [redacted] advised that he estimated that the airplane was flying at 10,000' at 200 miles an hour. This was obviously in error since the airplane was visually noted to be no higher than 3,000'. Approximately five minutes thereafter Mr. [redacted] advised that the airplane was flying at 10,000' at 200 miles an hour and was at that time approximately 100 miles away (airline distance). The writer immediately contacted the Airport via telephone and talked to the radio operator of Capital Airlines, to whom the airplane belonged, and was informed that it was flying at 2,000' altitude at 300 miles an hour and was 60 milesaway. The image of the airplane had by this time faded from the scope and other objects (CW transmissions) were observed in an attempt to fix reference points, however, with no success. In general, it was quite apparent that aside from Mr. [redacted]'s physical condition he had relatively little understanding of what was reflected on the scope, and that good correlation and interpretation of data from the horizontal as well as the vertical antennas were not possible. Before departing, arrangements were made with Mr. Adcock to visit him at 1015 on 5 March 1950 (1030-1100 being the approximate time each day when Mr. [redacted] had made his best observations).

The writer and [redacted] then departed from his residence and called Mr. Price. It was agreed that a conference would be held at the Post Office Building with Mr. Price, Mr. Seagraves and Mr. McSwain, during which a review would be made relative to findings thus far and further action to be taken. Contact was made at the Post Office Building approximately 20 minutes later and a resume' was given to Messrs. Price, Seagraves and McSwain of the findings of the writer and Capt. Cross while at Mr. [redacted]'s residence. It was pointed out that, in the opinions of the writer and [redacted]s, Mr. [redacted] appeared to have little or no understanding of the scope equipment he was using, although unquestionably he was a good radio technician. Moreover, Mr. [redacted]s interpretation of observations on the scope were very questionable and it was felt that there was grave doubt relative to whether or not He [redacted] had ever observed anything of significance. Messrs. Price, Seagraves and McSwain concurred in the opinions of the writer and Capt. Cross, stating that the same doubts were in their minds. They concurred in the action to be taken the following day, 5 March, wherein the writer and Capt. Cross proposed to return to Mr. Adcock's residence with a view for making one final observation before recommending formal action one way or another.

5 March 1950 - Arrived at Mr.[redacted]s residence a[redacted]nd after attempting for 30 minutes to raise him via calling on the telephone from a nearby service station, ringing the doorbell signal on his residence, and sounding an automobile horn, departed from the site of his residence and called Mr. Price via phone and advised him of these circumstances. Concluded with Mr. Price that in consideration of Mr. [redacted]k's physical state the previous day, the whereabouts of Mr. [redacted] seemed obvious. The writer further informed Mr. Price that it was considered, in the light of all circumstances, that there appeared to be little need for further concern re Mr.[redacted]s observations. In this Mr. Price agreed and mentioned that he would immediately call Messrs. Seagraves and McSwain and advise them accordingly.

6 March 1950 - At 0930 contacted Mr. Goedjen in the S-50 Area and gave him a resume of the above matter. Also contacted Mr. Callaghan and gave him a resume.

At 1150 Mr. Price called Mr. Goedjen and advised that he had received a call from Mr. A[redacted]who advised that he again had observed the object on the scope at approximately 1015 where it had remained in the form of an elliptical image (at 100,000' altitude) until about 1100. Mr. A[redacted]requested Mr. Price to arrange for Capt. Cross to come into his [redacted]ence and stand by to observe. The writer conferred with Mr. Goedjen on the above matter and called back to Mr. Price and advised that such action would be undertaken at about 1000 on 7 March, provided arrangements could be made with M[redacted]k.

At 1315 the writer called Col. W. S. Sherwood at Nashville of the Tennessee Military District and gave him a brief of action taken by the writer and Capt. Cross, together with the general conclusions reached. The writer inquired what action had been taken by Col. Sherwood's office with the Third Army to get equipment sent into Oak Ridge to confirm or deny Mr. Adcock's observations. He stated that he had contacted Third Army G-2 and that the Third Army had contacted Department of the Army G-2 in Washington and also the 14th Air Force. Col. Sherwood stated that in his opinion, aircraft from the 14th Air Force should be sent immediately to the Knoxville airport and as soon as the object was again sited, (via radar) should take off with a view toward aerial observation

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or interception. The writer advised that if Mr. [redacted]s estimates were even close to being correct (50,000' to 100,000' altitude) the Air Force did not have any airplanes capable of such interception. In lieu of this, the writer suggested that the first move should be to dispatch suitable radar equipment, together with operators, to Oak Ridge to observe when Mr. [redacted] reported his next observations. Col. Sherwood agreed with this and stated that he would again contact the Third Army, although he felt that they were probably short of radar equipment because of Operation Portex. Meanwhile, Col. Sherwood suggested that the radar officer here (Capt. Cross) should stand by Mr. [redacted]-scope with a view toward making an actual observation. The writer agreed to this and stated that he expected to hear from Col. Sherwood after he (Col. Sherwood) had contacted the Third Army re action to be taken by that activity.

Called Mr. Seaman at 1600 and advised him of events transpired and requested that he should advise Gen. Swofford.

Two calls received from Mr. Price during which he advised that he had been attempting to locate Mr. [redacted] in order to fix a time for the morning of 7 March when it would be appropriate for the writer and Capt. Cross to visit his residence with a view toward attempts to observe the reported object. Mr. Price advised that he would continue his efforts on the morning of 7 March.

7 March 1950 - At 0915 Mr. Price called and advised that he was still unable to locate Mr. [redacted] but would continue his efforts. At approximately 1100 the writer talked with Mr. Seagraves who advised that he had not been able to raise Mr. [redacted] by phone and, in fact, had received, via the household help at Mr. [redacted]s residence, information that he may have departed to join the remainder of his family in Florida. The writer advised both Mr. Price and Mr. Seagraves that further checks had been made locally by Capt. Cross (in the S-50 Area) on behalf of oscilloscope equipment similar to that used by Mr. [redacted] and that it appeared even more definite that the images observed by Mr. [redacted] were electronic phenomena being reflected on the scope as a result of signals generated in the radio set to which the scope was attached. The writer advised both of the above referenced individuals that he planned to contact the Tennessee Military District in the afternoon and would inform them of the results.

At 1400 the writer contacted Col. Nunmaker at Nashville in the absence of Col. Sherwood (Tennessee Military District) and inquired regarding further steps that may be taken by Col. Sherwood's office and any impending measures to be implemented by the Third Army. Col. Nunmaker and an aide who was on the phone with him (name unknown), stated that

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Col. Sherwood had relayed the message given to him by the writer on 6 March to the Third Army, but that as yet no positive action to be taken by the Third Army was known by their office. For the benefit of Col. Nunmaker, the writer reviewed the entire situation furnishing the latest information regarding Mr. [redacted] absence from his home and the nature of further evidence indicating that there was even more serious question regarding Mr. [redacted] observations. Col. Nunmaker informed the writer that he understood that the Third Army not only probably did not have any radar technicians, but also did not have any mobile radar equipment which they could send into the area (Oak Ridge). The writer then inquired relative to what further action the Tennessee Military District would recommend should be taken locally, and Col. Nunmaker advised that he did not know except that further observations should be continued if possible. The writer then reiterated that Mr. Adcock was absent and obviously such observations could not presently be continued. Col. Nunmaker was also advised that the three investigative agencies (OSI, CIC, and FBI) were anxious to have the matter settled one way or another and that the writer and Capt. Cross were acting in an unofficial capacity to not only attempt to aid these agencies but also to fill the gap created by the apparent inactivity by the Third Army. Col. Nunmaker inquired relative to whether or not the local AEC authorities were now any more concerned than they had been when the matter was first reported, and also what action the AEC took in such cases. The writer stated that the local AEC people, particularly Mr. Callaghan, with whom discussion had been had on 4 March, were presumably concerned about the report to the same degree they had been at the outset, but that they were somewhat annoyed regarding the lack of action by the military. Regarding Col. Nunmaker's second question, the writer pointed out that in such cases the AEC normally would contact the Tennessee Military District who in turn should contact the Third Army, for action in the case of any impending trouble at Oak Ridge or in the case when trouble had already occurred. Col. Nunmaker pointed out that this coincided with his understanding. He further mentioned that he would contact the Third Army and would call back on 8 March relative to what action that activity proposed to take.

At 1530 the writer held a conference with Mr. Price, Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Goedjen and advised them of the conversation with Col. Nunmaker and his aide, and stated that he would keep them informed regarding the contact to be made by Col. Nunmaker with the Third Army. Messrs. Price and Seagraves mentioned that two representatives from the 14th Air Force were in Knoxville, with whom they were to make contact at 1630 and that the results of such contact would be reported to the writer.

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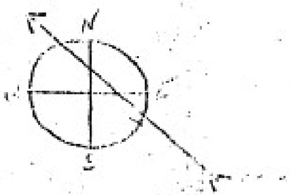

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'It Was Definite[illegible] Aircraft,' C. & S. Fliers Say Of Saucer

MAR 22 1950

On Return Here, Pilots Assert Object Seen Over Arkansas Was No Meteor—Captain Adams Believes It Was Secret Air Force Experimental Ship

(Pictures on Section Page)

By ROBERT GRAY

The "flying saucer" which Capt. Jack Adams reported seeing over Hazen, Ark., Monday was "definitely some kind of aircraft in controlled flight."

That is the belief expressed by the Chicago & Southern Air Lines pilot upon his return here yesterday noon from Houston.

Captain Adams' opinion was seconded by his copilot, First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr., who saw the same object.

"We've seen meteors flashing through the skies many times, and have been fooled by them, but what we saw was not a meteor nor something imaginary," declared the veteran flier, who has logged 7000 hours in the air and been a C. & S. captain almost five years.

Believed Air Force Secret

"I believe it was some kind of experimental type aircraft that has been kept a secret by the Air Force.

"It was moving at a terrific speed, perhaps more than 600 miles an hour. But there were no exhaust flames visible nor any kind of trailing light or vapor."

The attention of Captain Adams was first attracted by a bright flashing light in the sky as he was flying a C. & S. DC-3 from Memphis to Little Rock on a regular scheduled flight to Houston.

"The light had an unusual bluish and brilliant glow, flashing on and off far more rapidly than the normal blinking of civilian aircraft lights," the captain explained.

"I saw the object first, off to our left, and immediately pointed it out to Andy (First Officer Anderson).

"We were at 2000 feet and flying a southwesterly course. The object crossed our line of flight about 1000 feet above and in front of us, moving south to north.

No Reply to Lights

"We blinked our landing lights—a courtesy signal to other aircraft—but we didn't get any reply.

"As the strange thing passed over we could see eight or 10 spots of light that looked like a circle of lighted windows or ports underneath it. The circle appeared to be about the size of our DC-3, or about 20 feet in diameter. The light was fluorescent in appearance.

"Although the object was moving at [illegible] speed, the pattern was clear and constant. It did not [illegible] shape as it darted past and [illegible] disappeared. We viewed [illegible] object for approximately 20 seconds and then it was gone. It was not a jet plane nor a conventional flying wing.

"The night was dark but clear

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SAUCER IS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BY PILOTS

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Air Force Intelligence Wants To Interview Them

NO REPORTS FROM GROUND

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and visibility was perhaps 30 or 40 miles. We could see no portion of the object other than the lights," Adams said.

"We've heard and read a lot about flying saucers and were as skeptical as anyone else," smiled Copilot Anderson. "But when you see something with your own eyes, you have to believe it."

The first officer is a veteran of more than 6000 flying hours and during the war "flew the Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater in C-46 transports. He later flew C-47 and C-54 military transports.

Air Force To Quiz Them

The two pilots said they were notified by Little Rock radio while flying back to Memphis yesterday that Air Force intelligence officers wished to interview them "at our earliest convenience." They will be back in Little Rock tonight on their regular flight.

The pilots were preparing to give a radio report of their position at 9:20 p.m. Monday when the strange sight appeared about 15 miles north of Stuttgart and over Hazen, Ark. Upon making the report, they jokingly mentioned seeing the flying saucer.

They did not tell their passengers about the strange sight, but did tell Stewardess Jane Lovelach, 3300 Wautauga. At first she was skeptical, then became a bewildered believer.

"The next time you see one, call me up to the cockpit," she requested.

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First Officer Anderson is 30 and lives at 3516 Vanuys Road. He is married, has a daughter.

Air Force Has Denied Saucers

Although the Air Force has officially discounted the many and frequent reports from throughout the country of flying saucers, the descriptions by these two responsible officers give credence to belief that some type of strange aircraft or object may be zooming through the night skies.

Late yesterday Sheriff Harold Woodson at Stuttgart and Sheriff E. O. Hamilton at Des Arc, Ark., said they had received no reports of any resident of those areas having seen the strange craft reported by the airline pilots.

But Captain Adams and First Officer Anderson are sticking by their story.

"After all of this, I hope we don't see any more of the things," they laughingly agreed yesterday in reaction to the excitement they have stirred up. "Maybe we'd better fly 'under the hood' after this."

However, like a lot of other people, they want to find out what the strange object really is and what it means.

Nation's Attention Centers On Saucer Witnesses

National attention was showered yesterday on two Chicago & Southern Air Line pilots who reported seeing a "flying saucer" over Arkansas Monday night while on a scheduled flight.

After interviews with newspaper reporters here and in Houston, Capt. Jack Adams and First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. were interviewed by telephone for a recorded broadcast over Mutual Broadcasting System last night; an interview over WMC, The Commercial Appeal Station, last night;

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made the subject of a movie to be telecast over WMCT tonight, and accepted an invitation to appear Sunday on the "Today With Mrs. Roosevelt" television show.

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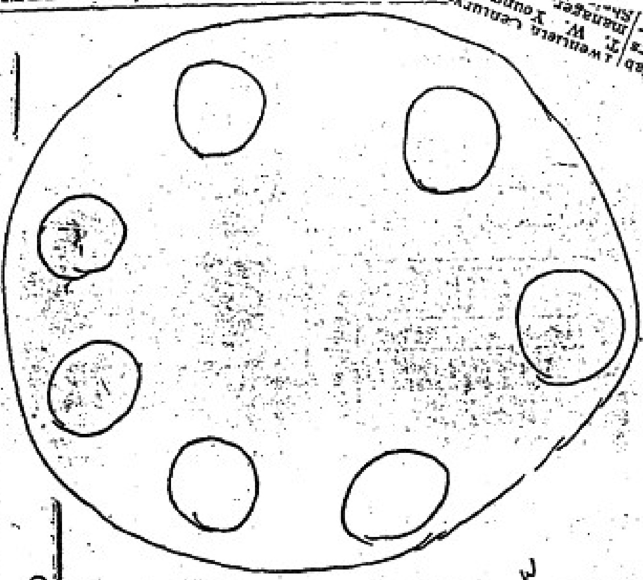
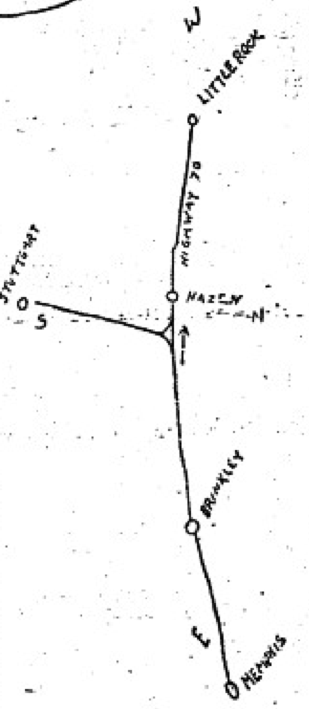


Jack Adams
G. W. Anderson

'IT' LOOKED LIKE THIS—This is Capt. Jack Adams' conception of the strange object which he and First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. saw over Hazen, Ark., Monday night while flying a Chicago & Southern Air Lines DC-3. The drawing represents the bottom of the "saucer," with its lighted port holes. After making the drawing, the pilots added their autographs.



POSITION OF 'IT'—Captain Adams drew a sketch of his approximate position over Hazen, Ark., on the first leg of a scheduled flight from Memphis to Houston, when the strange object appeared just ahead of him.

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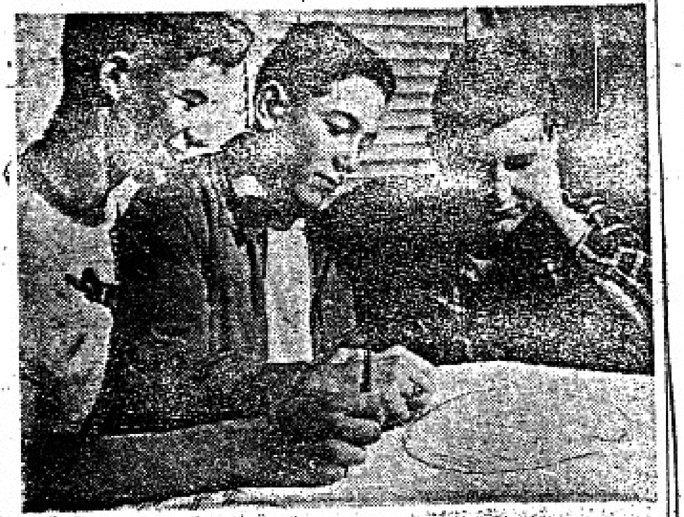
THEY SAW 'IT'—First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. (left) and Capt. Jack Adams gave a detailed description upon returning to Memphis yesterday noon of the "flying saucer" they saw Monday night. *(Story on Page One)*



SIGHTED 'SAUCER'—"It looked like this," say Larry Humphrey (1) of 986 Goodman Road, Bobby Perry (2) of 3698 Friar Tuck Lane, and Louie Etheridge (3) of 3772 Gamewell Road. The three claimed a flying "saucer" appeared over Sherwood Forest abo Monday night, only about one-half hours b ie crew of a Chicago & Southern DC-3 rer Ark.

Memphis Press Scimitar

C&S Pilots and Passengers See 'Object' in Mississippi

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Airmen Say It Was in Sight 10 Minutes Then It Suddenly Disappeared

MAR 23 1950

Two more Chicago & Southern pilots have come forward with reports of strange and mysterious objects flitting thru the skies of the Southland.

Capt. Paul W. Bennett and First Officer William T. Tuero have related seeing a "bright and strange object" in the distance off Greenwood, Miss., at 12:39 p.m. Monday, Morris J. Baker, C & S public relations official, said today.

The two pilots were bound from Memphis to New Orleans when they sighted the object.

It was east of their course and they watched it for about 10 minutes before it suddenly disappeared.

No Official Report

Bennett and Tuero told C&S Chief Pilot Jack McKee about the object when they reached New Orleans, but did not report it officially, Baker said.

The pilots said they didn't want "friends kidding us about flying saucers."

They reported their sight, however, after two other C&S pilots told Monday night of seeing a flying saucer over East Arkansas. This was the same day of the appearance of the mystery object over Mississippi.

Capt. Jack Adams and First Officer G. W. Anderson Jr. said they saw a circular object with bright portholes underneath flying at a high rate of speed north of Stuttgart, Ark., at 9:29 p.m. Monday.

Bound for New York

Capt. ~~Adams~~ and First Officer Anderson, having told their story to the newspapers and to an Army investigating officer, will leave for New York tomorrow to relate their experience on a nation-wide television hookup.

Only the two pilots viewed the Arkansas saucer, but the pilots of the Mississippi plane had more witnesses. Their saucer remained in view long enough to call the stewardess, Patricia Hicks, of 19 S. Tucker, and she pointed out the object to several passengers. One of them was Capt. Tommy Bridges, a C&S pilot, making the trip as a passenger, Mr. Baker said.

The Southland isn't alone in its reports of flying saucers today. In Laguna Beach, Cal., Dudley Gourley, 28, an Army aircraft observer for nearly three years, said he saw eight saucers moving slowly out to sea as he drove past El Moro Bay on the coast highway.

"My attention was attracted by a silvery object ahead," Gourley said. "I blinked and looked out the window to make sure it wasn't a reflection.

"I saw eight things of an elliptical shape, about 100 feet in diameter, at 2000 feet. I counted them

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Pilots Call Stewardess, She Shows Passengers

Third Pilot Aboard Sees Strange Sight As Airliner Flies Near Greenwood

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three more times. They were moving slowly out to sea."

Gourley said he was aware the Air Force has said repeatedly it could not substantiate any of the saucer reports.

"I was an air observer for 14 months during the war and a seacoast air observer for 13 months. Let the Air Force laugh that off," he said.

Three Saw Fantastic Things in Sky

Three fantastic objects raced thru the skies above Memphis at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, according to Henry Pommer, assistant vice president of John A. Denie's Sons Co.

"They looked more like big, brightly lit electric light bulbs than anything else I can think of; but really the shape was indescribable. They might have been roughly star-shaped.

"I saw these things first and immediately exclaimed, calling the attention of my wife, and of William Caldwell, a material foreman for Denie's, both of whom were right there with me, to what I saw.

"Both of them also saw them, but by the time others in the vicinity looked up it was too late and the things were gone. In fact, one of them went out just like a light in just a second or two.

"The others stayed on a little longer; then they went out. I would say they were in view about 30 seconds in all, but that is just a guess. They definitely were not jet planes, shooting stars or anything we ever saw before.

"We were outdoors at the brick yard off the Raleigh-Frayser Road on the Illinois Central tracks, supervising the unloading of some machinery. I just happened to glace up; I don't know why.

"We immediately tried to assess what we saw, and no more. I was one of the doubting Thomases before. I never believed in all those reports about *flying saucers*, but, brother, I believe them now!

"Well, it was a cinch they were flying above those thin, wispy clouds which I estimate were 20,000 feet up. The sky was mostly blue and it was not yet dark. We looked for vapor trails.

"At that height, any machine I know of would leave a vapor trail. Sometimes the trail appears quite a way behind the machine. So I kept watching the sky for a minute or two, but no trail appeared.

Left No Exhaust Trail Behind

"There was no evidence of an exhaust, and no noise. They were flying on a course roughly paralleling the highway from Millington to Memphis, and were west of where we were—I'd guess above the river, or over Arkansas.

"They were really tearing out, so fast I could not even guess what their speed was. They were real bright, a whitish light. I estimate their course would be a straight path from northerly to about 10 degrees west of south.

"I telephoned a report on what we saw to the Naval Air Station. I figured if it was any plane, they would know about it. But they knew of no plane at that time, took my report and thanked me."

The above interview with Mr. Pommer was obtained after the Naval Air Station had informed The Press-Scimitar of such a report officially received by the operations officer on duty at 5:45 p.m.

John A. Denie's Sons & Co. is one of the oldest and largest building materials firms in the South and Mr. Pommer's position of assistant vice president is one requiring judgment and responsibility.

Mr. Pommer lives at Raleigh.

Mr. Pommer expressed astonishment when informed by The Press-Scimitar that a "light bulb that was going out" had been described as seen in the skies over Canada by people up there late yesterday.

The Canadian report was sent to The Press-Scimitar about 8 a.m. today from United Press at Toronto, and so far as this newspaper knows, had not been made public last night.

Flying saucers have been called many things, but the comparison to a light bulb is believed new—and yet that description was used by persons thousands of miles apart, acting independently, to describe something they saw about the same time.

G. W. Anderson Jr. (left), first officor of air liner, and Ja Adams, captain. These are the men who reported the flying sa while flying scheduled C&S run over East Arkansas.

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31 Mar 50

[redacted]f WGWC, [redacted] his son and a newsboy,
all of Selma, Alabama, saw 3 objects in the sky 30 Mar 50 between the
time of 1808 and 1815 CST. The Selma Times-Journal, local newspaper,
is planning to give it a big play. The following information is sub-
mitted

Mr.[redacted] first impression was that they were clouds with
the sun shining through. But there were no clouds in sight,
and Mr. [redacted] says they definitely saw 3 circular objects
of some sort. They were all traveling in formation - at first,
they were broadside to the watchers and looked like plates,
then turned, and the edge side was presented to the watchers.
The middle one pulled up straight, and the other two followed.
As to color, they looked like little moons or suns, glowing -
were illuminated all over. He is not sure of the size because
he does not know how high they were, but estimates they must
have been as big as B-17s and were at 10,000 ft or higher, and
must have been going at tremendous speed. They were going
West, and Mr. [redacted] and his companions watched them for 3
minutes. There was no sound, no exhaust trail. The weather
was clear.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

11 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object, Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala, 15 March 1950

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS. [redacted] Captain USAFR and pilot for commercial airline, states that three American crew members TACA, commercial airline, claim they saw "flying saucers" 15 March 1950 passing directly over runway Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala.

2. DETAILS: Captain [redacted] [redacted], USAFR, while on a two week active duty tour at Brookley AFB, Alabama, disclosed the following information:

a. On 16 March 1950 HALL was the pilot on a TACA aircraft in flight from San Salvadore to Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala. On arriving at the Guatemala City Airport HALL was informed by [redacted] TACA engineer, TACA pilot, [redacted] TACA co-pilot, and A[redacted] all of New Orleans, Louisiana, that they had sighted "flying saucers" over Guatemala City, Guatemala.

b. To the best of HALL's recollection the information furnished by [redacted] and [redacted]as as follows:

(1) Date of sighting - 15 March 1950.
(2) Time of sighting - approximately 1100 hours.
(3) Observer's position - standing in front of Air Terminal, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
(4) Number of objects - [redacted] and [redacted]tate that they saw three; [redacted] states he sighted four. All agreed that objects were in a single formation.

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(5) No known celestial phenomena or planets unaccounted for.

(6) Distance of object from observers - estimated altitude 25,000 feet. Flying in horizontal level flight.

(7) Time objects in view - unknown.

(8) Appearance of objects:

- (a) Color - silver
- (b) Shape - oval, slightly elliptical
- (c) Size - appeared larger than a DC-4 (C-54)

(9) Direction of flight - directly from south to north, passing directly over runway Guatemala City Airport, Guatemala which runs south to north.

(10) Tactics or maneuvers - when first object came into sight, it flew north a distance that was judged to be approximately 30 miles - about over the town of Ravinal - where it turned left 180° and headed directly south. A few moments later two more objects appeared moving one directly behind the other, heading north. A third object passed over after the first two disappeared. It was surmised by the TACA personnel that the first object went back to pick up the second. According to [redacted] a fourth object appeared a few moments later. All objects were traveling north. [redacted] estimated the turning radius was 15 to 20 miles.

(11) Evidence of exhaust - none.

(12) Lights - from reflection of sun on objects, it was assumed that the objects were highly polished. No artificial lights were observed.

(13) Effect on clouds - no mention of clouds.

(14) Construction - objects appeared to be solid - one piece oval.

(15) Propulsion - no noise of reciprocating engines or jet exhaust in evidence. No vapor trail observed.

(16) Control and stability - objects appeared to be very stable.

(17) Air ducts - none noted.

(18) Speed - [redacted] estimated the speed is over 1,000 mph, possibly 1400-1500 mph. [redacted] also stated that the objects moved so fast it was very difficult to keep his eye on them.

(19) Manner of disappearance - objects disappeared from view in the distance.

c. [redacted] acknowledged the weather on 15 March 1950 at Guatemala City, Guatemala was CAVU.

d. [redacted]tated that [redacted]howed him a picture in the Guatemala City newspaper on the morning of 16 March 1950 which was represented to be a picture of "flying saucers". According to HALL the picture was approximately 4" x 8" and the object was about the size of a penny. HALL stated that he believes [redacted]ill has the newspaper clipping.

e. [redacted]tated that he had known [redacted] [redacted] for approximately four years and has always found them to be trustworthy and honest. [redacted]urther revealed that he had at first kidded the three concerning the story whereupon they all became very angry and very emphatically stated that what they had said was the truth.

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

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17 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects
X Saufley Field, Flying Object
23 Mar 50, seen by Navy EM

TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. The following are extracts from newspaper reports concerning the alleged sightings of "flying saucers" within the area of DO #8:

a. (Pensacola Journal, 24 March 1950)

On 23 March 1950 two groups of persons in Pensacola, Florida reported sighting "mysterious flying objects".

A group of eight Navy enlisted men, ground crew members at Saufley Field were reported to have viewed the object through binoculars for about half an hour. A group of paper mill workers were reported to have seen the same or a similar object for about the same period.

Both sightings were between 0900 and 1000 hours.

The object sighted by Navy personnel was reported to be silvery, flat, round, and flying east at an estimated speed of perhaps 300 miles per hour.

Navy officials are reported to have indicated that the object was not a weather balloon and pointed out that the object was flying directly against winds of high velocity.

Personnel who sighted the object estimated that it was 15 miles above the earth.

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b. (The Nashville Tennessean, 30 March 1950)

Two fishermen on Marrowbone Lake near Nashville, Tennessee reported sighting between 6 and 12 unidentified flying objects at about 0700 hours 29 March 1950. [redacted] and [redacted] told of the objects passing about 200 to 300 feet over their heads. The men estimated that the objects - reported to be black, round, heavy, and about five feet long - were traveling at least 500 miles per hour.

CAA and USAF officials at Nashville disclaimed knowledge of any aircraft in the area at the time.

c. (The Nashville Tennessean, 10 April 1950)

Eight employees at the [redacted] declared they saw a flying saucer "wizz" over the Tennessee State Capitol Building at Nashville, Tennessee just before 1200 9 April 1950.

The disc-shaped, shining object flying in a cloudless sky was reported to have disappeared upward toward the north. Speed of the object was a subject for disagreement; some said faster than an airplane, others said slower.

2. No investigative action taken by this district.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA
23 September 1950

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
(Unidentified Lighter Than Air Aircraft at Leighton, Alabama)

TO : Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

On 21 September 1950, Mr. [redacted] of Decatur, Alabama, found an Object which resembled a home made lighter than air type of aircraft. This object was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a complete investigation.

DETAILS:

1. On 21 September 1950, while testing soil at Leighton, Tuscumbia County, Alabama, Mr [redacted], Soil Conservation Department, Decatur, Alabama, found an object approximately 12 miles south west of Wheeler Dam, (a TVA Project). This object was made of a plastic material, resembled a tow target except that it had no openings, was 42 inches in diameter and about 12 feet long with an attached red plastic streamer, cylindricial in shape, 10 inches in diameter, 125 feet long and with both ends open. This object appeared to be a home made ballon with two cardboard boxes attached below with nylon parachute cord. These boxes were approximiatly 10"x10"x12". One box was found to contain two six volt batteries, one Westclock Big Ben alarm clock with attached micro-switch. This clock was set to alarm at 12:15 o'clock and was stopped at 01:10 o'clock. This box appeared to have had an explosion in it as evidenced by powder burns on the inside surface of the box. The second box was found to contain one Westclock Big Ben alarm clock and one six volt battery. The clock was stopped at 12:44 o'clock and was set to alarm at 12:20 o'clock. No explosion had taken place in this box as a dynamite cap was found attached to the micro-switch on this clock with one wire broken. The dynamite cap was in an aluminum tube about one half inch in diameter and three inches in length. A piece of white cardboard was found attached to the box which had exploded and was partially destroyed. The letters ORCE and the letter B startinganother word, EXT 340 (presumed to be a telephone number and the letters NGER were written on the card. These letters appeared to be handwritten in india ink with a lettering set.

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ACTION:

This incident is being investigated by the Birmingham Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All evidence was forwarded to the FBI Lab, Washington, D.C., on 22 September 1950.

PATRICK W. HAYES
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12 Inclosures:
- Incl -1- Clipping from Birmingham News
- Incl -2 thru 12 Photographs of unidentified object.

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'Bomb' balloon from Decatur sent to FBI

DECATUR, Ala., Sept. 23—(AP)—The FBI Saturday studied a crudely made balloon time bomb found in woods 12 miles southwest of Wheeler Dam.

The balloon was found by Hote Sherard, a soil conservationist. It was made of clear plastic and supported two alarm clocks and a dynamite cap, Police Chief J. B. Whitmire here said.

The balloon was forwarded to the FBI field office at Birmingham. George D. King, special agent in charge, declined to speculate on the purpose of the balloon, or whether or not it was a hoax.

Sherard said the balloon was about 16 feet long and four feet in diameter, fastened together by scotch tape. A sleeve of red material about 120 feet long was tied to it.

Two cardboard boxes were attached below with nylon parachute ropes and wire, Sherard said. An alarm clock in each box was set for 12:15. They had run down. Dry cell batteries were in the boxes.

Police Chief Whitmire said a dynamite cap was wired to the second clock. Both appeared to be fairly expensive, he added.

The balloon had been ripped by trees, the soil conservationist who discovered it reported.

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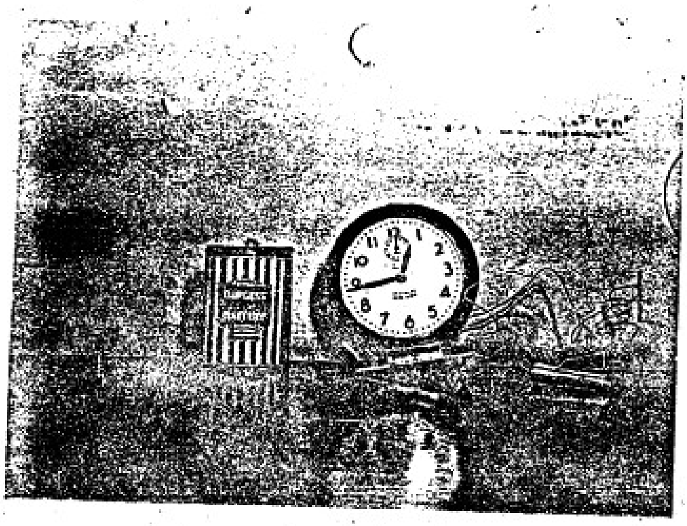

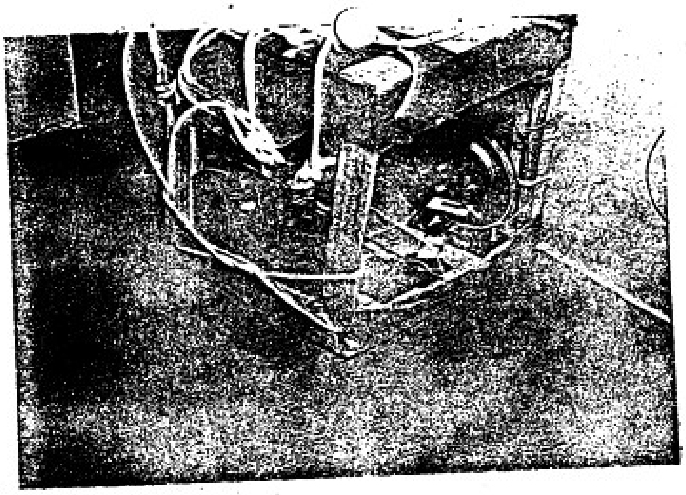

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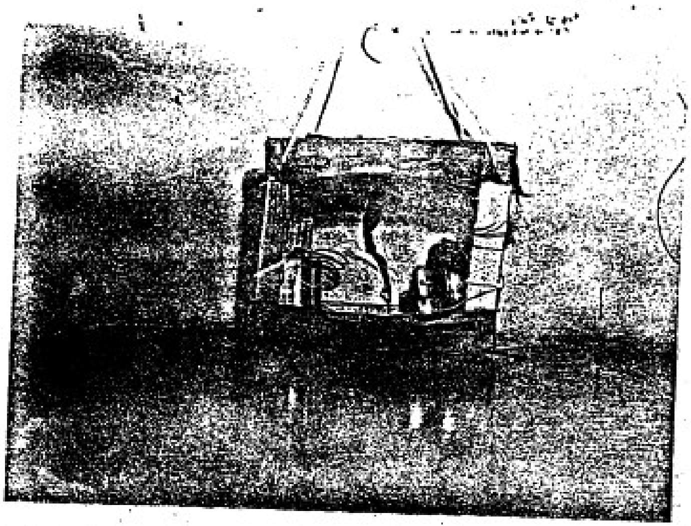

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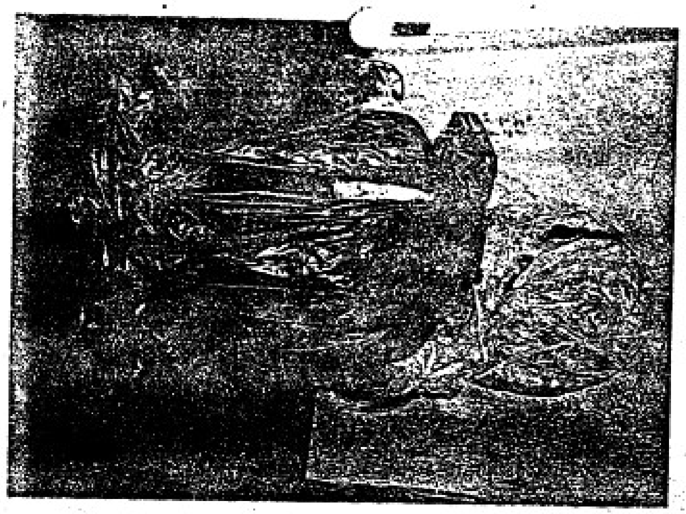

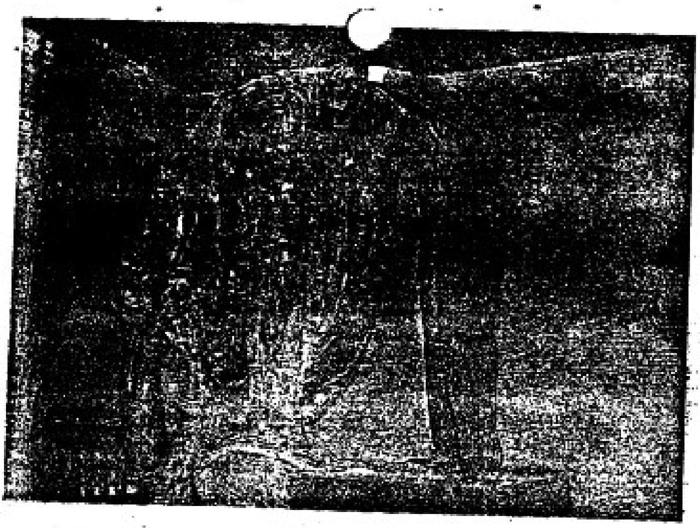

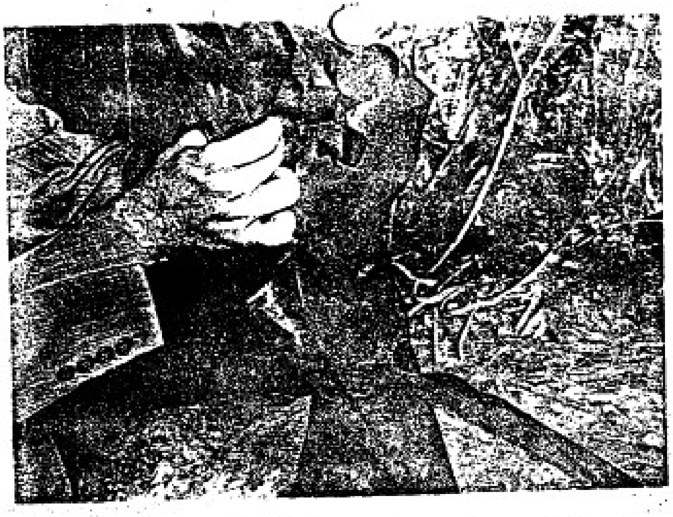

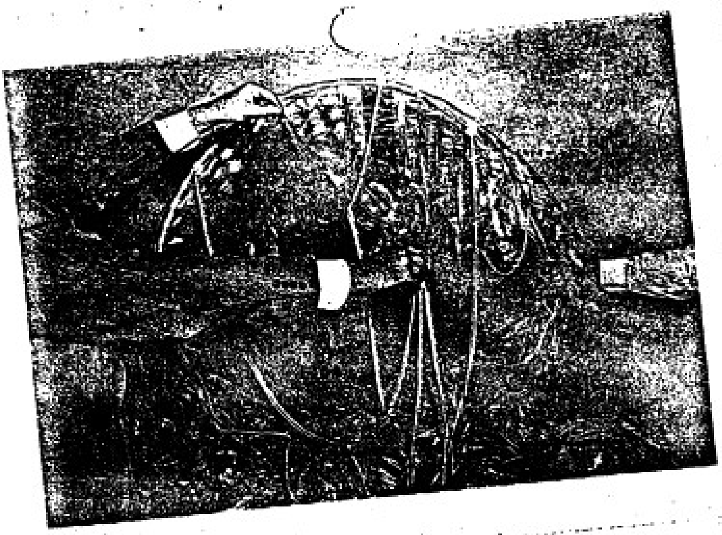

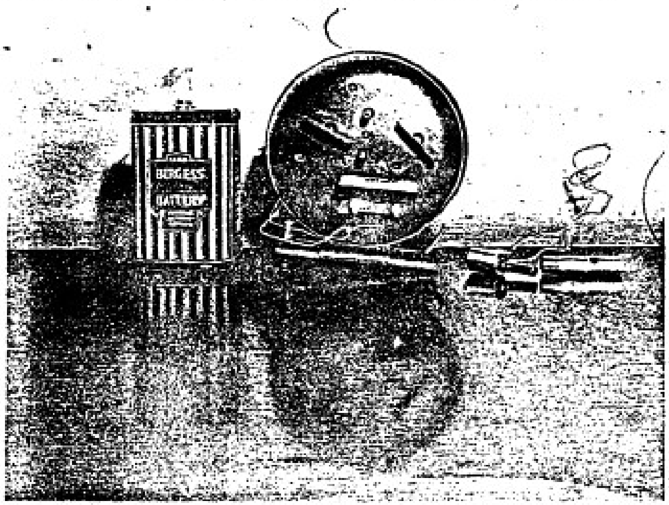
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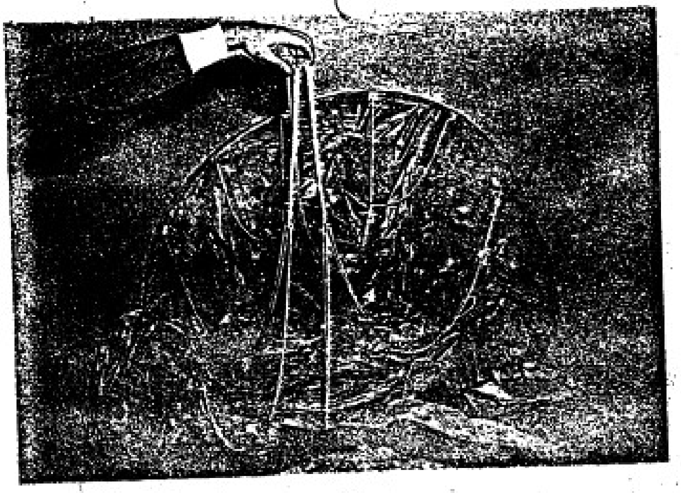

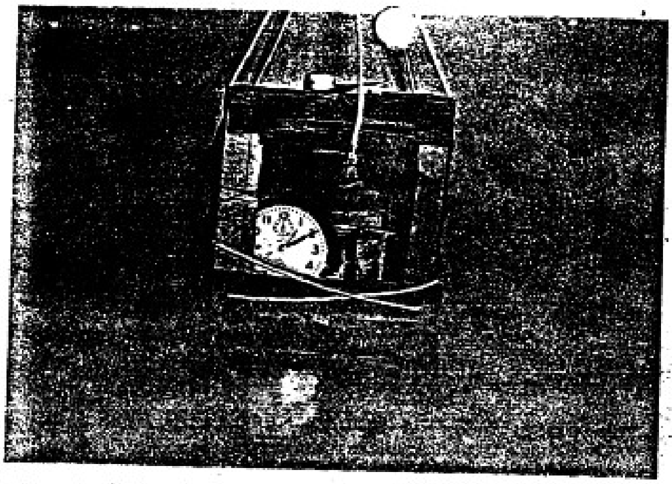

Balloon with possible explosive attachment turned over to FBI

DECATUR, Ala., Sept. 22—(AP)—A large balloon found near here with two alarm clocks and what looked like a dynamite cap attached today was turned over to the FBI for investigation.

It was found yesterday in woods 12 miles southwest of Wheeler Dam and about two miles from Leighton in Northwest Alabama.

Hoyt Sherard, of near Decatur, a soil conservationist, said he found the balloon while testing soil in that area yesterday afternoon.

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THE BALLOON had been ripped by trees, he said. It was of clear plastic about 16 feet long and four feet in diameter, fastened together by tape. A sleeve of red material about 120 feet long was tied to it.

Two cardboard boxes were attached below with nylon parachute ropes and wire. Sherard said an alarm clock was in each box set at 12:15. Both had run down.

Dry cell batteries were in each box and the second box also held a small alumnium tube about as big as a man's finger.

Police Chief J. B. Whitmire said the tube contained what appeared to be a dynamite cap wired to the second clock.

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WHITMIRE SAID he was completely puzzled.

"I have no idea what it is," the chief said, "but I know it will be thoroughly investigated by the FBI." He added that the clocks appeared to be fairly expensive ones.

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(Unclassified) Unconventional Aircraft at Controlled Area, ~~Cak~~ Ridge, Tenn.
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft at Controlled Area,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 12 October 1950 eleven (11) or more unidentified objects picked up on radar at Knoxville, Tennessee. Objects appeared over Oak Ridge Control Area. Intercepter aircraft "scrambled" negative results. Ground observation made with negative results. Check made to determine if any flights in area proved negative. Conference held with Security Division AED and radar personnel from Eastern Air Defense Headquarters on 13 October 1950. No explanation was found to account for unidentified objects. Unidentified objects sighted 16 October 1950 by security guard. Excerpts from controller's report for 15 October 1950 showed reoccurance of radar targets. Aircraft intercepter worked area with negative results. On 16 October 1950, Security Trooper reported another unidentified object. Aircraft "scrambled" to intercept to no avail. Unidentified noise similar to that made by jet aircraft heard by NEPA guards and Army officer on 15 and 16 October 1950.

2. DETAILS: Beginning at 2325, EST, 12 October 1950 a total of eleven (11) objects and possibly more appeared on the radar screen of the CPS-1 Air Force Radar Station at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee. The objects began appearing on the north edge of the Oak Ridge controlled area and proceeded south for about twenty (20) to thirty five (35) miles at the rate of 100 to 125 miles per hour, at an altitude of 1000 to 5000 feet, on a course of 170 to 230 degrees and with densities varying from that of light liaison aircraft up to that of a C-47 type aircraft. Captain W. J. Akin, controller at the radar station "scrambled" an F-82 fighter at 2330 and the fighter was airborne at 2339. Captain Akin vectored the plane on two (2) specific targets on stern approaches at distances of one (1) and eight (8) miles respectively. On each occasion the fighter appeared to intercept the target on the ground radar screen; however, on each occasion the crew of the fighter observed no target either visually or on their airborne radar screen. The aircraft returned to the airport at 0014.

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After the sighting of the unidentified targets the Oak Ridge Security Patrol was alerted and attempts at ground observations were made; however, nothing could be seen or heard from the ground. At 0100 more objects, having the same readings as previously, appeared on the screen. On this occasion no attempt at fighter interception was made. Ground observation results in the Oak Ridge area were negative.

During the above sightings Eastern Air Defense Force Headquarters was notified and checked for possible flights in the area. Checks were also made with flight service at Atlanta and Maxwell AFB. All checks proved negative.

On the afternoon of 13 October 1950 Special Agent William M. Price accompanied officials of the Security Division Atomic Energy Division and the Knoxville CIC office to the radar station where a conference was held with officers of the radar station and a team of radar experts from Eastern Air Defense Headquarters. Numerous explanations, such as flocks of migratory birds, clouds, a flight of light planes from the nearby Oliver Springs Airport, etc. were rules out. One explanation advanced that it *might* have been due to atmospheric conditions. Further attempts to explain the sightings were postponed until a complete report was prepared by the radar station and until the EADF team had checked the various Air Force Commands and other services.

In an evaluation of the above sightings the following conditions should be considered:

a. Captain Akin, the controller, is considered to be a competent and well qualified radar officer.

b. The CPS-I radar set undergoes daily maintenance. Such maintenance was performed on 12 October at 1600. Checks were made on the equipment during and after the sightings and found to be in good operating condition.

c. The crew of the fighter plane is considered to be one of the four (4) best in the 52nd Fighter Group.

d. Weather conditions during the incident were excellent. The sky was cloudless, the air was practically calm and visibility was excellent. Lt. Wolfe, pilot of the F-82, reported that he had made visual sightings earlier in the same evening at a distance of ten (10) to fifteen (15) miles.

At 0830 on 16 October 1950, Mr. George Rathman, Security Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, notified Special Agent William M. Price that visual sightings of an unidentified flying object had been made by several persons at Oak Ridge. Accompanied by W. B. Gray, SAC, Knoxville CIC, Special Agent William M. Price proceeded to Oak Ridge.

At the AEC Security Division, Oak Ridge AEC Security Patrol Trooper Edward D. Rymer was interviewed by Mr. Rathman, Mr. Gray and Special Agent William M. Price. In substance Trooper Rymer related the following: At about 1525 EST, 15 October 1950, Trooper Rymer was on duty at the Solway entrance to the Oak Ridge controlled area. He was conversing outside the guard house with Mr. John Moneymaker, attendant at the University of Tennessee Research Farm

Program, Oak Ridge. Mr [redacted] happened to glance in the sky and called Rymer's attention to an object in the sky. The men observed that the object was starting to describe an arc in the sky. They estimated the object to be about twelve to fifteen thousand feet altitude. At this altitude, the object resembled a sky-writing plane because smoke appeared to be trailing from the object. After the object described about a quarter of an arc it began to make a controlled descent at a speed estimated at about 100 miles per hour. Trooper Rymer then noticed that the object had no wings and that it appeared to be bullet shaped. By this time the men could observe that what appeared to be smoke coming from the object was an attached tail. At this time Trooper Rymer went in the guard house and called the Captain of the Guard to report a falling object. Mr [redacted] continued to observe the object. When Trooper Rymer came out of the guard house the object had descended to a height of about six (6) feet and was about seventy (70) yards from the two (2) men. By this time the object had assumed the shape of a two (2) by five (5) inch grayish colored card and attached to the object was a ribbon-like tail about twenty (20) feet long and an inch wide. The object had no thickness. The tail of the object, which was light gray in color, had a small black line running down through its center. The tail appeared to be waving or rippling and the latter fifteen (15) feet of the tail gave off a pulsating glow intermittently in different sections of the fifteen (15) feet. It also appeared that this section of the tail was somewhat transparent. Trooper Rymer estimated that the object was traveling about three (3) miles per hour and that the main body of the object was rocking slightly showing the corners and the under and top side. Rymer advanced on the object to within fifty (50) feet but it did not appear to get any larger. At Rymer's approach the object picked up speed slightly, proceeded across the highway, came to a nine (9) foot chain link fence, rose vertically and parallel with the fence and proceeded over the fence. After clearing the fence it dipped toward the ground for a few feet and then rose sharply to clear a thirty (30) foot willow tree and proceeded in a southeasterly direction at an increased speed to a ridge about a mile away and disappeared over the top of the ridge. The object during the flight to the ridge, changed to a pear shape but the tail continued to be present. While the object was heading for the ridge a car driven by [redacted], employee of the Maxon Construction Company, Oak Ridge, approached the Solway gate. Trooper Rymer called [redacted] attention to the object and Hightower also saw it disappear over the ridge. Shortly after the object disappeared, the Captain of the AEC Security Patrol Joe Zarzecki arrived at the scene. Shortly thereafter another similar object appeared in the sky within sight of the men at a height of about 300 feet, traveling in the same direction as the previous object and it disappeared over the same ridge. The object was visible to the men for about thirty (30) seconds. About five (5) minutes after the second appearance another similar object was visible at an altitude of about 500 feet for about a ten (10) second interval.

After a discussion of the incident Mr. [redacted], Trooper Rymer and Special Agent William M. Price proceeded to Solway Gate, scene of the observation. A check was made to Trooper Rymer's estimate of distances and they were found to be substantially accurate. The immediate area around the gate is fairly level with wooded hills and ridges rising around the area. There were no obstructions or hindrances to visibility noticeable. At the direction of Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] was brought to the scene. He gave substantially the same account as did Trooper Rymer except to add that while Rymer was phoning the object had descended to about 1300 feet and appeared to be pear shaped. Another pear shaped object appeared on one side of the object. As it came lower the object assumed the 2" x 5" card shape.

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Mr. Rathman related to Mr. Gray and Special Agent William E. Price that he had checked the AEC file on [redacted] and that he has an excellent record. He has never been cited for any infraction of the AEC rules, has a "Q" clearance, 20/20 vision and is well liked and respected by his co-workers. Captain Zarzacki also has an excellent record. Very little is known of Moneymaker and Hightower at the present.

At 1400 hours on 16 October Mr [redacted] and Special Agent William M. Price proceeded to the Air Force Radar Station at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee. Major R. C. Care, Defense Area Commander stated that the radar screen had picked up indistinct, unidentified objects during the afternoon of 15 October. Major Care produced the incident report of Captain W. J. Akin, controller. Excerpts from Akin's report are as follows:

> "Prior to this report [redacted]), we had a reoccurance of targets like Thursday night. We had sent one scramble out and made several good passes at one target which painted very well. It was on a heading of 180 degrees and approximately 4 miles inside the eastern boundary of the area. Our fighter worked from 2500 to 5000 feet, but saw nothing. The speed of these targets varied from 40 to 100 miles per hour. Every characteristic was the same as before except that the speed was slower.
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> "There was nothing on the scope at the location of this strange object.
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> "The strange visitor was reported to Captain Cole at Nobody, who carried through to EADF. Their orders were to put a patrol over the area, which was done.
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> "Lt. Gutherie operating under my control, and later Captain Duffy, saw nothing in the area except one large flock of birds, which we were painting. He estimated their number between 200 and 300. This was at 7000 feet. His patrol up until 1730 EST when I left duty, ranged from a low level pass over the gates to 7000 feet.
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> "He was vectored after several well painted targets, but saw nothing."

At about 1520 EST 16 October, while Special Agent William H. Price was present, a report came from the AEC Patrol to the radar station relating that a Trooper Isabell and four civilian employees at Oak Ridge had observed a "silver disc" hovering over the K-25 Plant in the controlled area. The radar screen was able to pick up an indistinct target about every three (3) or four (4) sweeps of the indicator. An F-82 fighter plane was sent to attempt an intercept of the object. The airborne radar of the fighter picked up a target which later proved to be a light aircraft. The ground observers reported that the F-82 passed under the "silver disc" while it was in pursuit of the light plane. The crew of the fighter observed nothing unusual. Nothing further was learned of the sightings.

On 16 October 1950 at 1330 hours another unidentified object was sighted by John L. Isabell, Trooper, Oak Ridge Patrol Force and at 1455 hours the object reappeared. At this time Isabell was joined by Trooper Lendelle Clark and Hank N. Briggs who submitted reports on the incident which are quoted as follows:

[redacted]

"At approximately 1:30 P. M., October 16, 1950, while working at Blair Gate, I saw an object in the air over K-25 traveling in a northeast direction from the southwest. It was traveling in a straight line and going very fast. The object was white or silvery in color and round like a ball and was about the size of a baseball as seen at the distance it was from me. It seemed to be very high.

"At exactly 2:55 P. M. October 16, 1950, this object reappeared from the northeast at a considerably lower altitude and was traveling a lot slower than before. I stopped a car that was coming in the gate in order to have witnesses to what I saw. The occupants of the car were Troopers Lendelle Clark and Hank N. Briggs going in to work. I pointed out the object to Troopers Clark and Briggs and we watched the object for several minutes. This object was slowly circling in a wide circle and spinning very fast, that is, the object itself was spinning around and around. The object drifted toward the southwest and in just a few minutes it reappeared at a very high altitude going back into the northeast and going very fast. We watched the object disappear into the northeast.

"This information was phoned in to Headquarters immediately by Special Agent William M. Price. About fifteen minutes after the object disappeared into the northeast, an F-82 fighter plane showed up in the area where the object was last seen but appeared to be thousands of feet lower than the object which Troopers Clark and Briggs and Special Agent William M. Price saw and reported.

/s/ John L. Isabell, Trooper
Oak Ridge Patrol Force"

"On October 16, 1950, at approximately 2:55 P. M., Trooper Isabell stopped us at this installation and showed us an object in the north that was traveling toward the northwest. It looked to be about 2000 feet in the air and a white-silverish looking color, rotating in a counter clockwise manner. It was round in shape and going in a rather fast motion. This object was at a high altitude and seemed to come in sight and then disappear. It looked about the size of a ball and round at every angle we looked at it.

/s/ [redacted]
/s/ [redacted]

(True copies of the above quoted reports are included herewith).

On 17 October 1950, Mr. Gene Goedjen, NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation reported that NEPA Guards Herron, S. R. Brown and Davis, while on guard duty, heard an unusual noise at approximately 2000 hours, 16 October 1950. The noise was similar to that made by a jet aircraft and lasted for about four (4) seconds. The last three (3) seconds of the period the sound seemed to be increasing and sounded as if the object causing the noise was ascending. Nothing was seen in the air or on the ground that might have caused the sound.

[redacted]

Major Louis Ronniger, Army ORC Instructor at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, reported that on 15 October 1950 he was on the AEC Patrol Rifle Range. Ronniger stated that at about 1400 he heard a noise similar to that made by two (2) jet aircraft. The sound seemed to increase and decrease and the noise seemed to be ascending. Ronniger stated he could see no aircraft and that the sound lasted for approximately four (4) seconds. (Evaluation: F-6)

3. ACTION: Continued liaison with FBI, Security Division Atomic Energy Division and CIC is being maintained, and further reports will be furnished as they become available.

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Incident Report No. 1424-50

Date 10-16-50

Time 2:55 P. M.

CLASSIFICATION Flying Object	TROOPER John L. Isabell	LOCATION Blair Gate

PERSON INVOLVED	ADDRESS	BADGE NO.	COMPANY
Trooper Lendelle Clark		212	

PERSON INVOLVED	ADDRESS	BADGE NO.	COMPANY
Trooper Hank N. Briggs		156	

REMARKS:
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/s/ Lendelle Clark
/s/ Hank N. Briggs

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

24-109

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 5 November 1950 at 1155 ho[redacted] [redacted], Tennessee, sighted an unidentified flying object over the northwest corner of Oak Ridge area.

2. DETAILS:

a. Description - The object observed by [redacted] changed shapes rapidly from pear shape to bean shape and to other shapes as noted on inclosed drawing. The object was light gray in color with a core that was a much darker gray. The object appeared to be transluscent. The mass of the object was constant and had sharply outlined edges and the core also had definite lines. Speed could not be estimated but was described as "rapid and darting". The object maneuvered within an area of a circle as illustrated on the inclosure. [redacted] further described the core as assuming the shape of the whole object, that is, when the object elongated the core would be elongate also. The object disappeared while [redacted] was attempting to locate a witness to the phenomena. No sound could be heard nor could the means of propulsion be determined. [redacted] made on-the-spot notes of his observation. Pertinent of these are as follows: "rapidly changing shape. Constant mass. Sharply outlined edges. Gray color, cool in contrast with warm, pinkish gray of clouds. No spectral reflection of light, no bright highlights. Definite suggestion of form. Movements rapid, darting in all directions within small area. Seemed to be moving in and out of cloud (this may have been because of semi-transparent characteristics). Must be some phenomena of light on clouds. Very weird. Movements did not seem to be result of wind. First impression - balloon, too rapid and random in movements. Too rapid and extreme in changes of shape."

b. Time Sighted - For five (5) to ten (10) minutes on 5 November 1950 at 1155 hours.

c. Manner of observation - Visual

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d. Location of observer - At the corner of Outer Drive and West Outer Drive, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The object appeared to be near a mountain ridge about six (6) miles distant. The object was on a compass bearing of 305 degrees. The altitude of the object remained within a short distance above or below the ridge of the mountain. (Note: [redacted] stated that for the object to be as large as he described and to be six (6) ~~mi les~~ distant its size would be comparable to a three (3) story building a half a block long).

e. Information on Subject - [redacted] has been employed as an [redacted] at the NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, since 25 October 1949. He has a "Q", "M" and "Secret" clearance. PATRICK is married and is twenty-six (26) years of age. He has been an efficient, reliable employee and is highly regarded and recommended by the security officials at NEPA.

f. Weather and wind conditions - According to the Weather Bureau at Oak Ridge the temperature was 51 degrees and there was a nine (9) to twelve (12) mile an hour West wind. Visibility was unlimited.

g. Activity or condition which might account for the sighting - Unknown.

h. Physical Evidence - None

i. Interception or identification action taken - None

3. ACTION: No investigation being made at this time.

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt/ Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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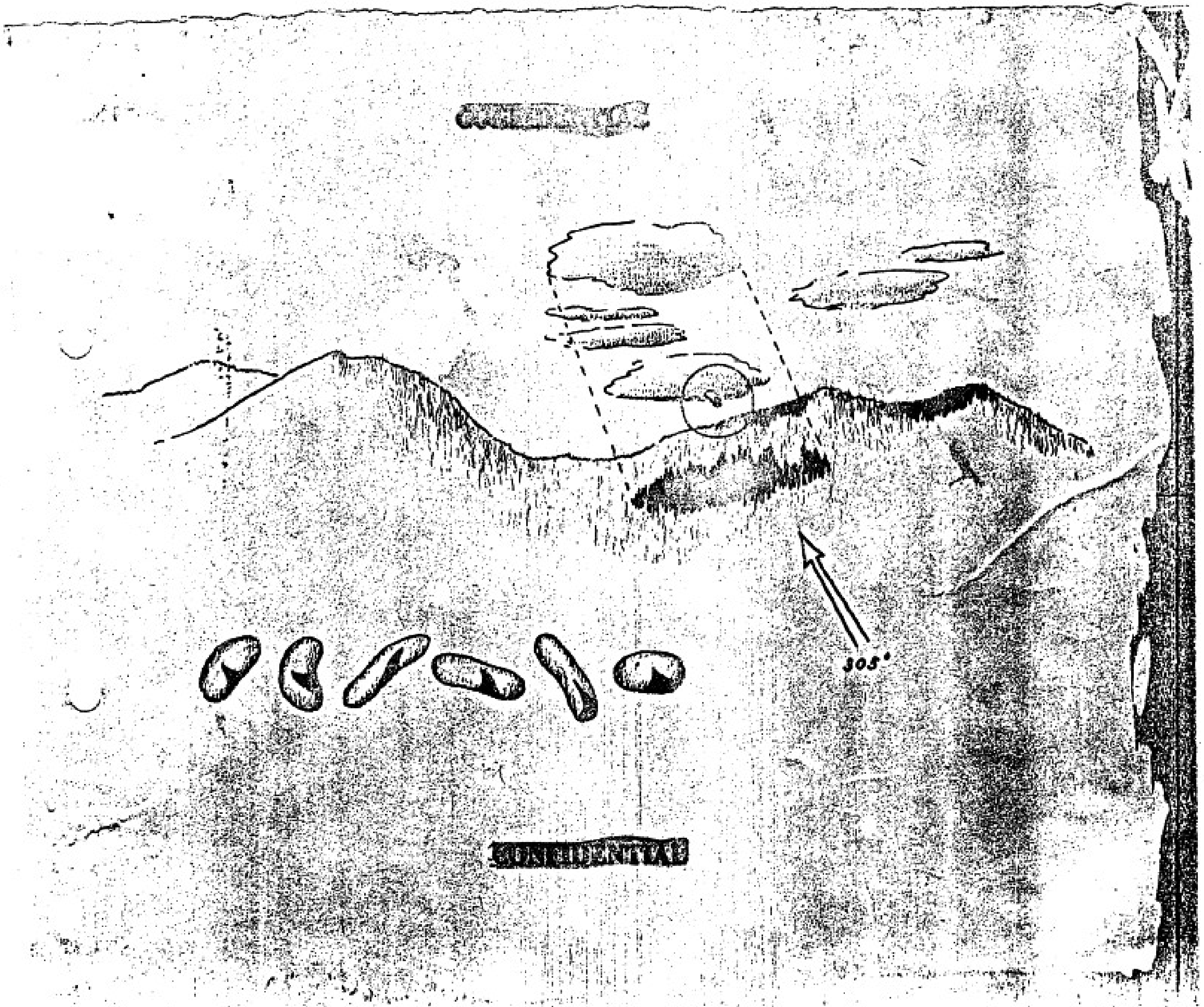

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

4 December 1950

24-109 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: From 1715, 29 November until 2400 hours, 30 November 1950 unidentified objects appeared at various times on the scopes of the AF Radar Station, Knoxville, Tennessee over the Controlled Area of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. 29-30 Nov 50

2. DETAILS: At 1715 hours, 29 November 1950, three (3) unidentified paints (objects) appeared on the radar scopes of the AF Radar Station, 662nd AC&W Squadron, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee. These paints were over the Oak Ridge Controlled Area and they were not aircraft as they were moving at a speed of about six miles per hour. By 1755 the scopes "had become cluttered with paints". These objects appeared to have originated near the ground at the center of the northwest boundary of the Controlled Area and were traveling and ascending at a slow rate of speed in a southeasterly direction over the Controlled Area. As the objects, now at an altitude of 2500 to 3000 feet, came over the center of the Controlled Area they spread or fanned out and some changed directions to East South East and to West South West. The paints varied from 290 degrees to 330 degrees at from ten (10) to twenty six (26) miles from the Radar Station and they would appear, disappear, paint bright and paint dim at various times. An F-82 fighter attempted interception of specific targets but no visual or airborne radar contact was made. At 1930 the paints began to diminish and after about two (2) hours had disappeared from the scopes.

The following wind conditions prevailed over Oak Ridge at 1600, 29 November 1950:

Surface	Wind SW	210 Deg.	5 mph
1200 ft.	"	230 Deg.	12 mph
2200-ft.	"	240 Deg.	14 mph
3200 ft.	"	260 Deg.	28 mph

(Oak Ridge is 330 ft. above sea level.)

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The following temperatures were recorded at 1700 on 29 November 1950:

Surface	32 Deg.
500 ft.	30 Deg.
1000 ft.	27 Deg.

At 1900, 29 November 1950 a graph record of a background counter (Geiger counter used to determine radio activity) located in the Controlled Area indicated a pronounced rise in Alpha particles and a slight rise in Gamma rays at the same time. These readings are unaccounted for at the present time. Atomic Energy Commission officials state that no unusual release of radioactive particles was made from their installations on 29 or 30 November 1950.

On 30 November 1950, Mr. W. B. Gray, Special Agent, CIC, and Mr. William M. Price, Special Agent, OSI, were present at the AF Radar Station when a single, unidentified object appeared on the radar scopes. Following is the controllers notes of the objects progress:

Time	Range (miles)	Azimuth
1351	21	317 deg.
1354	17	310
1400	15	300
1402	14	295
1403	13	290
1405	12	285

(Object disappeared from the scope at 1405.)

At approximately 1630, 30 November 1950, paints, too numerous to count, reappeared on the radar scopes. These paints followed a pattern similar to those of the 29th. These objects remained visible on the radar scopes until 2330 or 2400, 30 November 1950. Present at these observations, in addition to the regular radar crew, were the following persons:

Lt.Col. John R. Hood, Jr. USAF, NEPA, AMC Field Engr. Officer, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Commander W. E. Kribar, USN, Liaison Officer, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Major Walter Carrs, USAF, NEPA, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Major R. C. Care, USAF, Area Defense Commander
Dr. F. J. Davis, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Mr. Paul Reinhardt, Oak Ridge National Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Mr. W. B. Gray, S/A CIC, Knoxville, Tennessee
Mr. W. M. Price, S/A OSI, Knoxville, Tennessee

3. ACTION: A plan is being considered whereby background counters would be installed in the fighter aircraft in order to measure radio activity in the air during the time of radar sightings of unidentified flying objects over Oak Ridge.

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A plan has been arranged whereby the release of radio active particles from the installations at Oak Ridge will be checked for possible readings on the radar scopes.

cc: Hq. AMC
    ATTN: MCIS

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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11 December 1950

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified flying object was observed over the town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee from 1245 to 1300 hours, 5 December 1950 by two (2) persons.

2. DETAILS: Between 1245 and 1250 hours, 5 December 1950, Mrs. [redacted] secretary at the Security Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee while standing on Tennessee Avenue at the west end of the bus platform across from the Post Office, observed an object over the top of the Post Office building, flying in an easterly direction at a slow speed, at a distance of approximately two (2) miles and at an altitude of about 500 feet. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the object was north of her position. In the words of Mrs. [redacted], the object was "brilliant metallic, as aluminum or highly burnished metal that reflected the light, shape round, flat or disk like, and appeared to turn slightly to the left or northwest and when turning the appearance changed and the light was no longer reflected by the object and it appeared smaller and dark gray in color, but no change in speed". The object left no definite trail; however, on the edge of the left side of the object a misty "halo" could be seen. The object flew a straight course and no noise could be heard. The total time of observation was about sixty (60) seconds.

At about 1300 hours, Mr[redacted]ane, Oak Ridge, while in her yard, observed an object described similarly with the one observed by Mrs. [redacted] with the exception that the object was moving west when she observed it.

On 7 December 1950 Mr. [redacted] Meteorological Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee stated that the following weather conditions prevailed at 1300 hours on 5 December 1950: Wind was from the east at 6 mph, the sky was clear, visibility twelve (12) miles, temperature was 46 degrees F.

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On 7 December 1950 Mr. Holland also stated that no weather balloons were airborne in the Oak Ridge area. Mr. Holland revealed that no unusual releases of radio active particles were made during the above period.

On 7 December 1950 Major R. C. Care, USAF Defense Area Commander stated that two (2) aircraft were flying in the Oak Ridge area during the above sightings. One was described as an F-82 fighter which is painted black and an aluminum C-45. Both aircraft during this period were in the south end of the Controlled Area of Oak Ridge which is about fourteen (14) miles south of the two (2) observor's positions. Major Care also stated that no unusual sightings were reported by the AF Radar Station at McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee.

3. ACTION: Will not take any further investigative action, but will maintain contact with NEPA officials and U. S. Air Force Radar Stations at McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee and will report any further occurrences.

cc: Hq. AMC
ATTN: MCIS

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Lt. Col. John R. Hood, Jr., AMC Field Engineering Officer, NEPA Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, along with personnel of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the AF Radar Operations Sections, McGhee-Tyson Airport, has undertaken a number of technical approaches to the problem of unidentified flying objects.

2. DETAILS: Preliminary investigation of the technical approaches to the problem of unidentified flying objects has been undertaken. This investigation is being instigated by Lt. Col. John R. Hood, Jr., AMC Field Engineering Officer, NEPA Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, along with personnel of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the AF Radar Operations Sections, McGhee-Tyson Airport.

Colonel Hood has outlined these approaches in a letter to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Attn: Engineering Division MCPEXP, Subject: Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, under date of 5 December 1950. The following is quoted from this report:

> a. With the offered assistance of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and NEPA, radioactive background counters are being located over as wide an area of the Restricted Area as practicable. These are approximately ten in number and include air samplers. Most of these counters have been in operation under the cognizance of the Health-Physics Division to maintain a constant air monitoring program. A map of these counter locations has been furnished to the Detachment at the Knoxville Airport, and radar sightings passing over or near these counter stations will be recorded and, when sufficient number have been recorded to establish a basis for evaluation, the radioactive counter records will be compared to the radar log to see if any change in the background occurs with the presence of sighted objects. In addition, portable counters carried in a radio-equipped patrol car may be directed by the radar station to a location on the area under the plotted sighting.

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b. Dr. K. Z. Morgan, Head of the Health-Physics Division of ORNL, will provide (in late December) a several thousand Curie source of active material for the purpose of checking the radar operations to determine if the ionized air above an open portion of the source can be detected by the radar station. The source will be moved on a truck to various locations in Oak Ridge and any other desirable points. The purpose of this is to determine if the radar set located at the Knoxville Airport can see concentrations of ionized air which might result from gases released from the stacks of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and also to provide some indication relative to the radar detection of the nuclear powered aircraft.

c. Dr. D. M. Davis of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory is making available airborne Geiger counter equipment which initially will be carried in the C-45 assigned to this activity and which can later be mounted, if desired, in the wing tank of the F-82 fighter. The aircraft carrying this equipment will be flown by the personnel of the Radar Operations Section and vectored to the sightings being plotted by the radar in an attempt to determine if the sightings are radioactive gas or caused by some other radioactive source. It is expected that this equipment will be operational in the C-45 within ten days.

d. Dr. Davis has suggested as the possibility of using a Geographical Survey C-47 equipped with airborne counters and air samplers and with a magnetometer, scheduled to be in the Oak Ridge area in the near future. It may be desirable and possible that this ship can be similarly vectored into the area of the sightings being plotted in order to detect any radioactivity and also in an attempt to detect any electro-magnetic field fluctuations with the magnetometer. The local Radar Section has agreed to place in operation as soon as possible a height-finder-type radar and has begun operating a B-scope to get a more accurate plot of the sighting. In addition, they plan to tie in an oscilloscope with the radar set to compare the wave shape and the reflected waves to attempt to determine wave shape characteristics as observed from aircraft, clouds, birds and other objects.

e. Some preliminary discussions have been held informally to consider the possibility of locating stationary magnetometers or similar devices to see if the flucnations in the earth's electromagnetic field occur with the radar sightings. It may be possible, if desired, to fabricate locally the sensitive portion of these magnetometers. In addition, suggestions have been made to consider employing directional or telescopic types of Geiger counters, spectographs, and other means for obtaining air samples.

f. The services of electronic experts and ex-MIT radar specialists located in the Oak Ridge Area are being offered to the Radar Operations Section to act as consultants or to offer technical advice to the Radar Department. Personnel concerned will be those who are or have been cleared for military work and, of course, have "Q" clearances.

3. ACTION: Future progress of the technical approaches and results will be forwarded for your information.

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

24-109

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. On 5 December 1950 a team from USAF Technical Intelligence, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, composed of Mr [redacted] Analyst and Monitor, Mr[redacted]s, Radar Technician and Captain [redacted] Geo-Physical Research Division, arrived at Oak Ridge, Tennessee to investigate the technical aspects of the recent sightings of unidentified flying objects over Oak Ridge and in particular the "jamming" of the radar scopes of the AF Radar Station on 29 and 30 November 1950. A meeting was held at the NEPA Division, Fairchild AC&E Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during which the above named persons and the following persons participated:

Major [redacted] AF Plant Representative, NEPA Division
Majo[redacted]Assistant AMC Field Engineering Officer, NE[redacted]
Mr[redacted]AF Provost Marshal Representative, NEPA Di[redacted]
Specia[redacted]e, Third Army CIC
Special Agent William B. Gray, Third Army CIC
Special Agent William M. Price, Knoxville OSI Detachment

Available for the discussions were the Third Army CIC Reports, OSI Reports and research data of the NEPA Division on the incidents.

2. The members of the Technical Intelligence team stated they were interested in the technical aspects of the situation and what might have caused the disturbances on the radar scopes. They proceeded to the AF Radar Station on the afternoon of 5 December 1950 where Major R. C. Care, USAF Defense Area Commander and Captain L. C. M. Clevenger, Radar Officer, Detachment #2, 662nd AC&W Squadron, briefed the team on what they had observed. The team examined the radar equipment and found no malfunctions in the equipment nor operational errors on the part of the radar crews.

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3. On 6 December 1950 the members of the team were asked for their official conclusions. At that time they stated they had come to "no official conclusions" but individual members of the team expressed their personal opinions that the cause of the incidents was "probably due to weather conditions" and mainly "temperature inversions".

4. The team, before departure, made some verbal recommendations. First, that scope cameras be made available at the Radar Station so that future incidents can be properly recorded and evaluated. Secondly, that weather conditions be more closely studied in connection with future incidents.

5. The above is furnished for your information.

PATRICK W. HAYES
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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24-109 SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT 16 JAN 1951

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Between 0820 and 0830 hours on 18 December 1950, seven (7) officials of the NEPA Division, Fairchild AC&E Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, while traveling in two (2) cars in the Oak Ridge Controlled Area, observed an unidentified flying object. At 0839 and 0845 hours, same date, the AF Radar Station at the Knoxville Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, observed an unidentified flying object in the Oak Ridge Controlled Area.

2. DETAILS:

a. Visual Sighting - Reference is made to inclosure #1, statement of [redacted] Commander E[redacted]SN and Major [redacted] of the NEPA Division, and inclosure [redacted] letter from [redacted] GO[redacted]nt Protection Manager to W. G. F[redacted] Representative [redacted]C) giving details of a visual obse[redacted]d [redacted] of the NEPA Division.

b. Radar Sighting - At 0839, 18 December 1950, a "small paint" appeared on the radar scopes of the 663rd AC&W Squadron, Knoxville Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, near the southeast corner of the Oak Ridge Controlled Area on a magnetic bearing of 190 degrees, at a speed of sixty (60) miles per hour. Height could not be determined but was estimated at 2500 feet. The object remained on the scopes until 0845 at which time it disappeared. Fighter interception was attempted with negative results.

c. Weather Conditions - At 0730 the wind was from the Northeast at seven (7) miles per hour and the temperature was twenty (20) degrees F. according to the Atomic Energy Commission Meteorological Division, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Visibility was excellent.

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3. ACTION: Will not take any further investigative action, but will maintain contact with NEPA officials and U. S. Air Force Radar Stations at McGhee Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee and will report any further occurrences.

cc: NEPA Division
Hq. AMC
Attn: MCIS

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1 - Statement of Col. [redacted]
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STATEMENT

Following is a report of the sighting of an unidentified object in the Oak Ridge Area by the undersigned. On the morning of 18 December 1950, the following personnel were riding to their work at NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp., in the S-50 Area at Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

[redacted], USAF

Mr [redacted]

M[redacted] an[redacted]
seat; [redacted].

At approximately 0827, while riding southwest on the turnpike just outside the restricted area, Col. [redacted]ghted a very bright reflection through the windshield of the car. Ma[redacted], who was sitting beside Col[redacted]d whose attention was attracted by Col. [redacted]looking at the sky, sighted the same reflection. Col[redacted]d then called the attention of the remaining occupants of the car to the reflection. Of these, Commande[redacted] also sighted the reflection, but Mr[redacted], Mr. [redacted]and [redacted]did not sight it.

The reflection was visible through the front windshield of the car only for a moment because, shortly thereafter, the road turned to the right. The corresponding turn of the car so placed the relative position of the reflection that it could not be seen through the left front window, which was frosted. The windshield, however, was not frosted and permitted excellent vision.

The object appeared only as the bright reflection of the sun from an apparently metal surface, much as might be expected from an aircraft at a great distance. No accurate estimate of the objects size or range could be made from the observation. It appeared to be west-southwest of Oak Ridge Townsite at an angle of elevation of about 25° from the level.

/[redacted] [redacted]Col. USAF

/[redacted] [redacted]Commander, USN

[redacted]Jr. [redacted]Major, USAF

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Major, USAF

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NEPA PROJECT
Oak Ridge Tennessee

December 28, 1950

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SUBJECT: Visual Observation on December 18, 1950

TO: Mr[redacted]
Assistant to the A[redacted]
[redacted] for Security
Office of the AF Plant Representative
Air Materiel Command
NEPA Division
Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation
Post Office Box E
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

1. On December 18, 1950, at sometime between 0820 and 0830, the following NEPA employees were riding in a vehicle on the Turnpike within the Controlled Area toward the NEPA Project approximately one mile short of the "Y" cutoff to White Wing entrance and Y-12:

Dr[redacted]
Mr[redacted]
Mr.[redacted]
Mr.[redacted]
Mr.[redacted]

2. The passengers, with the exception of Dr.[redacted]ho did not attempt to participate in the viewing, observed a light emanating in the shape of a circle, of an intensity much greater than that of a bright moon, through the windshield of the vehicle. The viewers had the impression that there was form in connection with the light rather than merely a point source. The light was white in appearance and did not show any signs of refraction into a band or continuous spectrum. It appeared to be from 15 to 30 degrees elevated above the horizontal and on an azimuth between west and northwest, and appeared to be traveling in a northwesterly direction. The impression of its traveling is due to the fact that the object appeared to diminish considerably in size during the approximate thirty seconds during which it was viewed. The vehicle remained in motion and in following the course of the road, changed its relative position so that the object was viewed during the last few seconds from the side windows. As the vehicle proceeded down the road a near-by ridge obstructed the view of the object, and although the vehicle completed the turn toward K-25 at the "Y" intersection

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and the passengers had a relatively clear view at points along the road, the object was not viewed again. The observers were unable to estimate approximate size, speed, or vertical elevation; and, therefore, were not certain whether the object was over the Controlled Area or a considerable distance away. There was no vapor trail or any other visable condition within the vicinity of the object and there were no clouds which could have obscured it. The observers were unable to identify the object in terms of mass or shape, other than the circular appearance of the light. However, the circular area appeared to darken, starting at approximately 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock along the perimeter and continuing to darken along the perimeter and inner area until the light was concentrated in approximately 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock position of a very small diameter, at which point it appeared somewhat similar to a large star.

3. The observers were not in complete agreement as to whether the object was moving at a speed which caused it to diminish in size or actually was diminishing in size without any great velocity of travel due to the darkening effect described above.

NEPA Division
FAIRCHILD ENGINE AND AIRPLANE CORPORATION

[redacted]
Plant Protection Manager

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E. H. HUNT
Major, USAF

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, MAXWELL FIELD, ALABAMA

24-109 **SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

7 FEB 1951

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: An airborne object was sighted by five (5) persons on 16 January 1951 while driving in the Controlled Area, Atomic Energy Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

2. DETAILS: Attached hereto is a statement by five (5) civilian employees of the NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee concerning the sighting of a brilliant, stationary airborne object in the Controlled Area, Atomic Energy Project, Oak Ridge at 1645 hours on 16 January 1951. A check of the log of the 663rd AC&W Squadron, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee reveals that no aircraft were in the vicinity of the controlled area at the time of observation. A check at the Knoxville and Oak Ridge weather stations revealed that no weather balloons were aloft at the above time.

As reported by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Knoxville, Tennessee, the weather conditions on 16 January 1951 at 1600 hours were as follows: clear, visibility 20 miles, temperature 37 degrees F, wind SW at 5 miles per hour, winds aloft 2000 ft 240 degrees at 3 knots, 3000 ft 210 degrees at 3 knots and 4000 ft 209 degrees at 5 knots.

3. ACTION: Will report any further incidents of this type.

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PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Statement of 5 civilian
employees of NEPA Div.

cc: NEPA Division
Hq. AMC
Attn: MCIS

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Following is a report of the sighting by the undersigned of an unidentified aerial object in the Oak Ridge Area. On the evening of 16 January 1951 the following personnel were returning home from their work at NEPA Division, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, in the S-50 Area, Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

Mrs. [redacted]
Miss [redacted]
Miss [redacted]
Miss [redacted]
Miss [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] driver, and Mi[redacted] riding in the front seat; Miss [redacted]

At approximately 1645 while driving Northeast on the turnpike approximately two miles inside the restricted area, Miss [redacted] sighted a brilliant object through the right rear window. Believing this to be a plane, Mi[redacted] called the attention of every one in the car to the object which was observed by each of the undersigned. Although the unusual brilliance of the object could not be explained, the group was about to agree that it must be a plane when at approximately 1647 someone exclaimed that the object was apparently stationary. After watching the object for a total of approximately five minutes, the group concluded that it must be some sort of weather balloon, although no one in the crowd was especially familiar with such an apparatus. No accurate estimate of the size or location of this object is possible.

The observation was reported to Mr. [redacted] AF Plant Representative for Security, on the morning of 17 January 1951, who investigated the possibility of this object being a part of some project sponsored by an AEC contractor. However, it was determined that no weather balloon or similar apparatus was or had recently been up in this area.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

7 FEB 1951

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified airborne object sighted on radar scope of F-82 fighter over Controlled Area, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee on 21 January 1951.

2. DETAILS: Attached hereto is a report [redacted] Detachment "A", 52nd All Weather Fighter Group, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, concerning the interception of an airborne target on the radar scope of F-82 Fighter, 46-472 over the Controlled Area, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee at 1620 hours, 21 January 1951.

According to the AEC Meteorological Division, the weather conditions at the time of observation were as follows: Partly cloudy, with East winds at seven (7) miles per hour, temperature 58 degrees, and dewpoint 19 degrees. No balloons or other weather apparatus was in the sky at this time. Between the hours 1545 and 1615, the wind was variable from south to northeast at from calm to eleven (11) miles per hour.

Note: At no time did the crew of the fighter make visual observation of the object.

3. ACTION: Will report any further incidents of this type.

Patrick W. Hayes
PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Statement of Lt. Cole
dd 25 Jan 51
cc: NEPA Division
Hq. AMC
Attn: MCIS

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DETACHMENT "A"
52ND FIGHTER ALL WEATHER GROUP
McGhee-Tyson Airport
Box 97, Alcoa, Tennessee

25 January 1951

SUBJECT: Report on indicated airborne target over Oak Ridge Area.

TO : Knoxville OSI Detachment
PO Box 401
Knoxville, Tenn

On 21 January 1951 at 1620 o'clock while on a practice flight of two F-82 aircraft the radar operator of aircraft 46-472, 1st Lt. Louis B. Cole, intercepted an indication of an airborne target at a range of 18m yards. He notified the pilot, Major Edwin A. Schneider, of same who notified GCI. GCI gave the go ahead to intercept same. The radar set was "locked on" to the target and the run began. The interpretation on the "C" scan (elevation) indicated the target was varying altitude between ten and twenty-five degrees above the intercepting aircrafts altitude which was 7m feet. At a range of approximately 8m yards the indication on elevation began to decend until the limit of depression of the antenna was reached. At this point the pilot dropped into a nose down altitude and the target was again picked up and indicated the X-10 area plant of Oak Ridge. The intercepting aircraft then broke off the intercept and returned to Lenoir City Area where it was to be "target" for the other aircraft. On the next run in the area the "target" was again indicated and a second run made on same. At the completion of the flying period the radar observer requestedone more run over the area to again check for the same type indication. The pilot started the run from approximately 20 miles and again at 17.5m yards the indication was received and locked on to. This time the run was completed to the limit of the antenna depression and then broken off because the line of flight again was across the Oak Ridge Plant. This phenomena was duly reported to GCI and OSI.

Louis B. Cole
LOUIS B. COLE
1st Lt., USAF

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, MAXWELL FIELD, ALABAMA

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT 9 JUL 1951

24-178

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, U. S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: At 2135 on 8 July 1951, [redacted], 3814th Installations Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, sighted an unidentified flying object over the southeastern section of Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] gave a statement which is attached as Inclosure #1.

2. DETAILS:

a. Description - The object observed by [redacted] appeared to be saucer-shaped, very thin at the outer edges and comparatively thick toward the center section. [redacted] said that the object glowed with a light that was comparable to the bluish light which is given off by fluorescent desk lights. [redacted] further stated that the object appeared to be about two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) miles southeast of the Fairview Drive-In Theatre, which is located in Montgomery, Alabama on Highway #80, and that the object appeared to be at an elevation of approximately 1000 feet. [redacted] also stated that from that distance of two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) miles the object appeared to be about fourteen (14) inches in diameter, and that in his opinion a close-up view of the object would have revealed it to have been between fifty (50) and seventy-five (75) feet in diameter. [redacted] added that he had observed the object for about six (6) seconds and that at the end of this six (6) seconds, the object accelerated from a wobbley floating

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speed to an extremely fast speed gaining altitude and headed in a southerly direction. Then the light disappeared and due to the darkness, he, ROBINSON, saw no more of the object.

b. Time Sighted - For approximately six (6) seconds on 8 July 1951 at 2135 hours.

c. Manner of Observation - Visual.

d. Location of Observer - At the Fairview Drive-In Theatre, which is located in the southern part of Montgomery, Alabama on Highway #80. The object was on a compass bearing of approximately 135°.

e. Information on Observer [redacted] has spent ten and one-half (10½) years in the Navy and two (2) years in the Air Force. All of his service time has been in conjunction with various types of aircraft. During interview [redacted] gave the impression that he is a mature, level-headed and intelligent type of person.

f. Weather and Wind Conditions - According to the Weather Detachment, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, the weather conditions for the vicinity of Montgomery between 2000 hours and 2200 hours on 8 July 1951 were as follows: clear, ten (10) mile visibility, cool with temperature ranging from 82° to 80°, and a direct wind blowing from the east at speeds varying between six (6) and nine (9) knots per hour.

g. Activities or Conditions which might account for the Sighting - Unknown.

h. Physical Evidence - None.

i. Interception of Identifying Action taken - None.

3. ACTION: No investigative action taken; no investigative action contemplated at this time.

cc: CG, Hq. AMC
ATTN: MCIS

PATRICK W. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Hq, 8th District OSI (IG)
Maxwell AFB, Alabama
9 July 1951

At 1330 hours, this date, [redacted] 3814th Installations Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, made the following statement:

"While attending the Fairview Drive-In Theater on Highway 80, Montgomery, Alabama, on Sunday evening, 8 July 1951, at approximately 2035, there suddenly appeared a disk shape light, approximately 2-1/2 miles southeast of Montgomery. I watched this light for several seconds, trying to figure out what it was, when it shifted its position to the south, hesitated a few seconds, then took off at a 45 degree angle at about the same speed as the average jet plane flies. After this object had climed about 500 or 600 feet, the light suddenly went off and there was no fade-out. While the object was climbing I could see no exhaust or flame. I did see the light blur on the trailing edge as it ascended.

[redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 9th day of July 1951.

Evelyn A. Cartwright
Notary Public

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(Unclassified) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object, Guatamala City Air Port, Guatamala, 15 March 1950 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Documents and Dissemination Branch, Collections Div,
Director of Intelligence, DCS/O
ATTN: Lt Colonel W. A. Adams

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Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

1. Pursuant to the request of Lt Colonel ADAMS of your Office on 3 March 1952, there is attached a copy of a spot intelligence report from OSI District #8, dated 11 April 1950, in connection with the above Subject.

2. No further information is reflected in the files of OSI concerning this matter.

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

24 November 1952

24-153

SUBJECT: [redacted]
AF Civilian Employee
Brookley AFB, Alabama

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. During a current review of the files of this district, case file No. 24-153, subject as above, was reviewed. It was not possible to determine whether or not copies of report of investigation by Special Agent ANDREW A. ANDERER, this district, file and subject as above, dated 5 January 1951, had been forwarded to the Directorate of Special Investigations.

2. Attached are two copies of report of investigation, described above, so that the files of the Directorate of Special Investigations might be complete with respect to investigations conducted by this district. No distribution, other than the two attached copies, is being made.

James L. Doyle
JAMES L. DOYLE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-153

DATE 5 January 1951

REPORT MADE BY ANDREW A. ANDERER, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

PERIOD 15 December 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

STATUS CLOSED

TITLE

[redacted]
At Civilian Employee
Brookley AFB, Alabama

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY (Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft)

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

[redacted] Brookley AFB, reported [redacted] an unconventional aircraft over the Base on 15 December 1950. [redacted]was interviewed to obtain information outlined in AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 September 1950.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Air Provost Marshal, Brookley AFB, Alabama who advised that [redacted] Brookley AFB, Alabama had reported sighting an unconventional aircraft flying over the base at approximately 0704 hours, 15 December 1950.

AT BROOKLEY AFB, ALABAMA

2. Information obtained fr[redacted] at Brookley AFB, Ala., concerning his observations is listed below in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 8 September 1950:

a. DESCRIPTION:

(1) SHAPE: Similar to airplane fuselage but with more upsweep on underside toward nose and tail.

(2) SIZE: Approximately 30-40 feet long.

(3) COLOR: Dark.

(4) NUMBER: One.

(5) AERODYNAMIC FEATURES: Unbroken contour. No wings, engines, cowling, control surfaces, nor windows visible.

(6) TRAIL OR EXHAUST: None visible.

(7) PROPULSION SYSTEM: None visible.

(8) SPEED: 180-200 miles per hour.

(9) MANEUVERS: 90 degree climbing turn to right.

(10) MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE: Enveloped by fog.

b. TIME SIGHTED: Approximately 0704 hours, 15 December 1950.

c. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Approximately two seconds.

d. METHOD OF OBSERVATION: Visual. Observer does not wear glasses. (Observer read 3/16" printing at distance of 10 feet)

[redacted]

e. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: Observer was walking on sidewalk near Building T-88, Brookley AFB, Ala. Observer's position was approximately 88° 4' 20" West Longitude, 30° 38' 40" North Latitude. Line of sight was SSW, approximately 220° when object was first sighted over Building No. 17. Distance was approximately 350 yards, altitude was approximately 200 feet. (See attached map, Inclosure No. 2.) Object was in climbing attitude, flying in westerly direction, and made 90° climbing turn to right before disappearing in fog.

f. RELIABILITY OF OBSERVER[redacted] However, [redacted]Supervisor, Fuel Service Unit, Building T-39, and [redacted]Clerk, Adjutant Section, Building T-50, Brookley AFB, stated they have known [redacted] for approximately three years and considered him to be honest, trustworthy, and not inclined to exaggerate or fabricate stories [redacted] has been employed on the Base for several years and has visual familiarity with the various types of aircraft used in the Air Force.

g. WEATHER CONDITIONS: 0630-0730 hours, 15 December 1950, the weather was W Zero X 1/16 L-F. Sky obscure; 1/16 miles visibility; light drizzle and fog; wind NE at 5 knots; temperature 51°; dew point 51; 100% relative humidity; air pressure 30.01 inches.

h. METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHER CONDITIONS: None

i. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None.

j. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: None

3. Control tower operators reported no arrivals or departures within one hour of reported sighting. No personnel on duty in control tower observed unconventional aircraft in vicinity of base.

4. Attention is invited to the fact that weather report gave visibility as 1/16 miles (110 yards), and distance at which object was sighted by observer was approximately 350 yards.

5. [redacted] made a signed statement which is attached as Inclosure No. 1.

INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1. Original and true copy of statement of [redacted] dated 15 December 1950.

2. Map.

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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, MOAMA, BROOKLEY AFB, ALABAMA

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D.C.

True copy of statement of [redacted], dated 15 December 50.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2
FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA

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[11 Feb 1953]

SUBJECT: Flying Saucer

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

There is forwarded herewith for your information letter from Headquarters Alabama Military District, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 30 January 1953, subject as above.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

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Major GS
Actg Chief, Intel Div. G2

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HEADQUARTERS ALABAMA MILITARY DISTRICT
Office of the S-2, Calder Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

SUBJECT: Flying Saucer

30 January 1953

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Headquarters Third Army
Fort McPherson, Georgia

1. The following information has been reported to this headquarters [redacted], Birmingham, Alabama. This matter was reported to Col [redacted] long distant telephone call from Cullman, Alabama.

a. Time & Date : 0920 hours, 29 January 1953.

b. Location: 15 Miles North East, Cullman, Ala, Hwy 12.

c. Object, Observed: Disk shape, tilded to one side.

d. Direction of travel & Speed: North East, Approximately 350 MPH.

e. Elevation - Approximately 4000 feet.

f. Direction of Departure - Object made 90 degree turn from horizonal and disappeared upward at extremely high rate of speed.

g. Length of time observed: Approximately 5 minutes. Mr. McClung stopped his car, got out, and observed object until it disappeared.

h. Qualification of Observer: AAA, Gunner World War II.

i. Address of observer [redacted]

2. The information contained in paragraph 1, above has not been verified but has been referred to OSI, U. S. Naval Air Station, Birmingham Alabama.

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Walter T. Austin
WALTER T. AUSTIN
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Intelligence Officer

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23 JUN 1954

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
3800 Air University Wing
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

1. The following information concerning above subject is submitted for your information and any action deemed appropriate in accordance with AFR 200-2.

2. At approximately 1245 hours, 22 June 1954, Mr. [redacted] hardware merchant, Clayton, Alabama, reported the following information to Special Agents CARL L. LANGLOIS and DONALD T. SCAFF of this District:

a. At approximately 2045 hours, 21 June 1954, [redacted] was standing on the lawn in front of the Rotary Club, Clayton, Alabama, when he sighted an unidentified flying object coming from a southeasterly direction and proceeding in a northwesterly direction toward Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] stated the object was also seen by:

(1) [redacted] of the Chamber of Commerce, Clayton, Alabama

(2) [redacted] and Incoming [redacted], Alabama

(3) [redacted], Clayton, Alabama.

[redacted] the following description of the unidentified flying object:

Shape: Cigar-shaped; appearance of an airplane wing without tail.

Size: From very high altitude, appeared to be approximately 6" to 8" in length. VENTRESS could not furnish any further description as to size.

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Color: Brilliance of a bunch of stars; entir[redacted] appeared to be a light in itself bu[redacted] could not state a definite color.

Number: One.

Formation: Not applicable. There was no trail or exhaust noted and no sound.

c. [redacted] said the object was approaching Clayton from a southeasterly direction and at one point appeared to have made a sharp left turn and decreased its speed. At that point, the object was momentarily out of view [redacted], as his vision was broken by a tree. After his vision was no lo[redacted]peded by the tree, he noted that the object had resumed its northwesterly course and was proceeding in the direction of Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted]s estimated the object was in view for approximately thirty (30) seconds, but added it was possible that they could have seen it for a greater period of time if the lights of an automobile had not flashed into their eyes. [redacted]s stated it was a clear, dark night. The stars were shining, however there was no moonlight. The object was observed at approximately a 45 degrees angle from eye level during the entire period of observation. [redacted] said he first thought the object may have been a falling star but discounted this possibility when the brilliance of the object remained constant.

3. The foregoing information was verbally discussed with Major [redacted]our Headquarters, at 1445 hours, 22 [redacted] 1954.

[illegible]. L. ATCHLEY
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir. OSI

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
516th Air Defense Group
McGhee-Tyson Municipal Airport
Knoxville, Tennessee

1. The following information concerning above subject is submitted for your information and any action deemed appropriate in accordance with AFR 200-2.

2. [redacted], Tennessee, an instrument mechanic employed by the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation at the X-10 Plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, reported the following information to an agent of this district:

a. On Saturday, 17 April 1954, at approximately 1530 hour[redacted] was driving west on West Hill Street, Louisville, Kentucky, when he sighted an unidentified flying object. Others in the automobile, all of whom saw the object, were as follows:

[redacted]

[redacted] said there was only one object, and it was first sighted by his mother, who called it to his attention. [redacted] said they were a short distance east of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company Building when the object was first sighted, and as they passed the building, the view was momentarily cut off; however, the object was still in the same position and was observed for approximately four or five minutes while they drove five or six blocks. [redacted] furnished the following information, based on his observation:

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Position: About "11 o'clock" in relation to direction of car. About 25-30 degrees above horizon; about one mile distant from observer's position.

Altitude: Approximately 2,000 feet.

Shape: Flat, elliptical, with one edge thicker than the other, slightly tilted toward observer.

Size: Half the apparent diameter of a full moon.

Color: Strange, silvery glow like that of Venus when viewed through a telescope.

Projections, vapor trail, wings, smoke, flame, sound, or smell: None.

Maneuvers: Remained motionless except for the last three or four seconds of observation. Then moved swiftly toward 12 o'clock and upward, and disappeared.

Weather: Clear, cloudless sky; heavy rainfall the previous day.

[redacted] further stated that he has 15/20 vision; was not wearing sun glasses; saw the object through his windshield and by looking out an open window in the car; did not take any pictures; that he had never seen a similar object, despite the fact that he has been an amateur astronomer for the past 20 years, and is presently a member of the Oak Ridge Astro-Physical Society.

[redacted] appeared to have a good knowledge of astrological terms and used them freely; however, he seemed a little uneasy and eccentric, and stuttered slightly. He said that he has built several refracting telescopes and is intensely interested in amateur astronomy. At one point he said, "I've never discovered a comet, but I sure would like to."

3. On 28 May 1954, Mr [redacted] Personnel and Administration Section, Division of Reservoir Properties, Tennessee Valley Authority, reported by telephone that three TVA employees at the construction site of [redacted] Steam Plant, Rogersville, Tennessee, had observed unidentified flying objects at approximately 0900 hours, 27 May 1954.

4. On 11 June 1954, separate interviews were conducted with the following persons:

[redacted] Tennessee

[redacted]

Ltr, DO #8, file 24-0-85, re Unidentified Flying Objects, Cont'd.

[redacted]ville, Tennessee

[redacted]
Structural Steel Foreman, TVA, [redacted]nnessee

All of the above three persons agreed on the following details concerning their observations: 6

Date: 27 May 1954; Time: Approximately 0900 hours; Place: Construction site of John Sevier Steam Plant, approximately four miles S.E. of Rogersville, Tennessee; Weather conditions: Warm, clear, dry, no cloud cover; Manner of observation: Ground to air; Optical instruments used: None; Photographs or other evidence: None; Sound, smell, trail, exhaust, projections, markings: None; Speed: "As fast as jet fighter plane"; Shape: Round.

[redacted] said that he was standing in a 37-foot excavation and was preparing to signal a crane operator to lift an unusually heavy load of structural steel. He made a visual inspection to determine if the load was aligned with the tip of the 220 foot boom of the crane, and at this time, observed a bright, luminous object about the size of a baseball. He said his angle of view was about 15 degrees to the west, and he estimated the altitude of the object as over 20,000 feet[redacted] called to [redacted] and all three observed the object for about one minute. [redacted]described [redacted]ct as pure white, about the size of a full moon; [redacted]described it as aluminum-colored, about the size of a basketball. The object apparently remained motionless until another object of similar description passed very rapidly from north to south, through the observer's line of sight, at approximately the same altitude. [redacted]did not see the second object). When this occurred, the first object moved at high speed to the west without any apparent acceleration. Both objects then faded from sight within three or four seconds.

5. [redacted], Construction Engineer, stated that the base lines of the steam plant are: North-736,368.40 and East-2,894,071.50, on the Tennessee Lambert Coordinate Grid System. [redacted] considered all three observers reliable.

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K. L. ATCHLEY
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
516th Air Defense Group
McGhee-Tyson Municipal Airport
Knoxville, Tennessee

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between 1st Lt. Bert H. Herrington, your Headquarters, and Special Agent Bennie Ard, Jr., of the Knoxville OSI Detachment, at 0800 hours, 23 June 1954, concerning above subject. Herrington stat[redacted]nue, Knoxville, Tennessee, had informed your Headquarters that he had sighted an unidentified flying object on 22 June 1954.

2. On 23 June 1954, [redacted] was interviewed by S/A Ard and stated he is thirty years of age and is Commercial Production Manager, [redacted] ville. [redacted]aid that at 2124 hours, 22 June 1954, while on duty at [redacted] Sharp's Ridge, Knoxville, [redacted] Chief Engineer, pointed out two unidentified objects, one approximately 30 degrees west and the other about 60 degrees northeast of the station. He said the objects appeared round, and the object in the northeast appeared to be the size of a dime at arms length and the object in the west appeared to be the size of a pea. He stated the objects were of a greenish-white, very light color, and appeared motionless, although the relative positions seemed to have changed slightly during the period of observation of approximately one hour [redacted]aid the objects had no sound, tail exhaust, or other discernable features. He stated a twin-engine airliner was approaching to the left of one of the objects, and it appeared closer than the object. Gradually, the airliner moved away to the left of the object.

3. On 2[redacted] was interviewed and stated substantially the same a[redacted]escribed the objects as oblong in shape and the color as a very intense white. [redacted] stated beams of light seemed to shift from the top to the bottom of the objects.

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4. At 2100 hours, 23 June 1954[redacted] telephonically contacted S/A Ard and stated he had again sighted the objects. Ard, accompanied by S/A. William D. Walters, proceeded to Sharp's Ridge where[redacted] pointed out the objects. [redacted] stated the objects appeared to be planets.

[redacted] Assistant [redacted] University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, was contacted and stated she had been observing the objects in question, and without a doubt, the objects were the planets Venus and Mars. [redacted] stated these planets are more visible at this period of the year, and appear much closed to the Earth.

6. The foregoing information was verbally presented to your Headquarters on 24 June 1954.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DISTRICT COMM

C. L. Langlois
Chief, Counter. Intelligence
K. L. ATCHLEY
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
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16 December 1954

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS,
Over Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi,
and particularly Sylacauga, Alabama,
30 November 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-8-30

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation of Special Agent DONALD T. SCAFF, District Office No. 8, file 24-424, dated 8 December 1954, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

AFCSI-4D/Maj Hagood/dm/8370
1 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Report of Staff Duty Officer

1. Attached herewith is a Spot Report via telephone to Captain Redard, ADT Officer, from Colonel Atchley, DO#8.

2. Captain Redard called me at 11 P.M., informing me of this report. Since, however, he had copied four pages of hand-written material, I requested that he call Major Eldridge for information as to disposition.

3. Upon contacting Captain Redard the morning of 1 December 1954, he informed me that Major Eldridge had informed him to contact the Directorate of Intelligence Duty Officer, USAF, FBI Security Division and Mr. Levy. All these offices were contacted by Captain Redard. The Duty Officer, Directorate of Intelligence, reported that he had the information already and was handling it like a regular FLYOBRT and the Night Supervisor, FBI Security Division, Mr. L. H. Martin, stated that he had received the press releases concerning this report.

I directed this - P.H. Levy

4. I have had Captain Redard's hand written report reduced to a typewritten report for better reading.

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John T. Hagood
JOHN T. HAGOOD
Major, USAF
Staff Duty Officer

1 Dec 54
Mr. Levy - Please inform Gen. Carroll w/out delay

Copy of attached Spot Report to CI Div 0930 1 Dec 54

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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SUBJECT: SPOT REPORT

TO: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Captain Redard, ADT Officer the night of 30th November received the following spot report from Colonel Atchley, DO #8, via telephone:

DETAILS: Officer of Day, Maxwell AFB, Alabama reported at 1530 hours that the Mayor of Sylacauga, Alabama notified him that an unidentified object had fallen through the roof of a home near Sylacauga and injured a female civilian. The Mayor stated that aircraft were in the area at the time. The 48th Air Rescue Squadron and Maxwell Flight Service Center contacted and reported the following events pertinent to incident:

a. At 1238 hours, Mrs. [redacted], Ga., reported an explosion in the air estimated five miles north of Homerville.

b. At 1248 hours, Maxwell AFB Tower reported ball of smoke which appeared to be falling in estimated position of five miles north of Maxwell AFB.

c. At 1301 hours assorted reports of crashes were received by Flight Service Center. Mr. [redacted] Marietta, Georgia, reported to the Fire Department, who notified Dobbins AFB and then Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, that he saw an explosion in the air estimated one-quarter mile south of Smyrna, Georgia. Mr [redacted] said the object resembled a falling Jet aircraft. Mr. [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, reported an explosion in the air resembling a falling Jet in the vicinity of Atlanta. Birmingham Municipal Airport Tower reported to Maxwell Flight Service Center that a silver object was noted falling 40 miles SE of Birmingham, bearing - 135 degrees. Small planes in the area reported smoke in the area at the same time.

d. At 1310 hours an aircraft crash was reported near Phoenix City, Alabama, but subsequent search revealed no crash.

e. At 1315 hours a civilian in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reported that he saw an orange flash in the sky and falling objects.

f. At 1320 hours, Dobbins AFB Tower reported aircraft crash in the vicinity of Nunan, Georgia, SW of Atlanta. -- Unconfirmed.

g. At 1325 hours an airline pilot reported a crash or an explosion below his present altitude of 8,000 feet near Nunan, Georgia.

h. At 1330 hours Mr [redacted], Winona, Miss., reported a Jet on fire 25 miles E of Greenwood, Miss. -- unconfirmed.

i. At 1800 hours Mrs [redacted], Montgomery, Ala., informed OSI she saw a large explosion due north of Montgomery at 1300 hours but heard no sound. She said she saw black smoke at high altitude.

j. At 1800 hours Mr. [redacted]ontgomery, Ala., reported that while facing due north at approximately 1400 hours he saw but did not hear a large explosion, white flame, ball shaped, with upper end of ball turning black and object zigzagging downward from flame puff.

A Helicopter was dispatched from Maxwell AFB and recovered the unidentified object which struck female civilian at Sylacauga. The civilian was bruised slightly. The object was released to OSI. This object is black, shaped like a lump of coal, approximately 8 inches in diameter and weighs approximately 10 lbs. The incident is receiving widespread local press coverage through local and UP and AP. A Montgomery evening paper reported early information. The object was examined with a Geiger Counter and no indication of radio activity was disclosed. It was also placed under ultra violet light and did not react in any way. The Commander of ADC has been notified (Ent AFB). The Commander of Maxwell AFB was notified. The object is being retained at DO#8 pending instructions from this Directorate. Letter report follows.

ADC has been in radio contact with Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB and has requested copy of OSI Spot Report. Request this District be advised of disposition to be made of object.

Captain Redard called Mr [redacted] at 2315 hours, Captain Arsenault, USAF Directorate of Intelligence Duty Officer, and Mr. L. H. Martin, Night Supervisor, FBI Security Division.

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LT COL, USAF
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~~Maj. Hagood [illegible] 2300~~
Contacted Maj. Eldredge 2310
Col. Ashley Do # 8

Mr. Levy 2315

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AFCSI-6D 24-185-8-30   7 DEC 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Sylacauga, Alabama, 30 November 1954
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TO: District Commander
8th OSI District (IG)
Maxwell Air Force Base
Alabama

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation between Colonel Atchley, District Office No. 8, and Captain Redard, this directorate, on 30 November 1954 concerning an unidentified object which had fallen through the roof of a home near Sylacauga, Alabama on 30 November 1954, and your message dated 2 December 1954.

2. It is requested that you furnish this directorate the results of the 4602d AISS examination when available.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Gene P Moritz 4/12/54

GENE P. MORITZ
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch
Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Over Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, and particularly Sylacauga, Alabama, 30 November 1954
24-185-8-30

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Synopsis
Investigation requested by Commander, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, as a result of
unconfirmed reports of aerial explosions, alleged aircraft crashes and unidenti-
fied flying objects. One unidentified flying object fell through roof of house
injuring occupant. Object obtained by Air Rescue aircraft, returned to station
and examined by Geiger Counters with negative results. Flight Service Center
received numerous reports of aircraft crashes, aerial explosions and flying ob-
jects in area where UFOB found. Air Defense Command informed of situation
under provisions of AFR 200-2 and directed AISS Team to question persons with
knowledge of reports of explosions and to obtain UFOB for transmission to
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, for purpose of determining its origin. Consider-
able publicity resulted in object having been obtained by USAF. Guided Missile
Expert advised UFOB not of similar substance used in his field of experiments.
Geologist with Research Studies Institute advises that without complete exami-
nations of object, he could identify it only as "either a stone meteorite or
an earthly peridotite". UFOB released to AISS Team. Husband of victim alleged
to have retained attorney to regain UFOB from USAF.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Commander, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, predicated upon unconfirmed reports of aerial explosions, alleged aircraft crashes and unidentified flying objects, one of which is alleged to have fallen through the roof of house, injuring civilian female occupant, on 30 November 1954.

2. This is a joint investigation by Special Agent KENNETH L. ATCHLEY and the writer.

AT MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

3. At 1540 hours, 30 November 1954, [redacted] Captain, Adjutant, 3800th Air Base Wing, telephonically advised Special Agent ATCHLEY that GILBERT P. COHEN, 2d Lt., Officer of the Day, had at 1530 hours, received a telephone call from [redacted] Sylacauga, Alabama, to the effect that a large object of either rock or metallic substance had fallen through the roof of a house in Sylacauga a few hours previously, and said object had struck and injured a woman occupant of the house. [redacted] stated further that an explosion of some type had occurred in the air over Sylacauga at approximately the same time as the object had struck the house. [redacted] further advised that aircraft had been seen in the area just prior to the explosion. [redacted] stated according to his information, the object had been hot when it was found on the floor of the house. [redacted] further informed [redacted] that a 48th Air Rescue Squadron helicopter had been dispatched to Sylacauga to obtain the object and return it to Maxwell AFB, and Colonel JAMES G. PRATT, Commander, 3800th Air Base Wing, had requested that Special Agent ATCHLEY meet the helicopter upon its return from Sylacauga and examine the object in an attempt to identify its origin.

4. At 1600 hours, 30 November 1954, WILLIAM R. AUSTIN, WOJG, Adjutant, 3860th Air Base Group, Gunter AFB, Alabama, telephonically notified the writer that at approximately 1315 hours he had received a telephone call from Mrs. [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, to the effect that at approximately 1245 hours, she had seen a large explosion in the air followed by a large puff of black smoke. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the explosion appeared to be in a northern direction from Montgomery, and she saw only a large explosion of flame followed by the black smoke, but did not hear the explosion. [redacted] stated that [redacted] could furnish no further pertinent information.

5. At 1610 hours, 30 November 1954, [redacted] Service Center, was telephonically contacted regarding any reported aircraft crashes. [redacted] advised they had received numerous reports of alleged aircraft crashes and/or explosions during the afternoon from numerous places in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, including a report of an explosion in the area of Sylacauga, Alabama. B[redacted] advised that all received reports had been or were being checked, all with negative results. [redacted] further verified that the 48th

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Air Rescue Squadron presently had a helicopter in Sylacauga to obtain the object reported to have fallen in that area, and it was expected to return to Maxwell AFB at approximately 1715 hours.

6. At 1700 hours, 30 November 1954, the late edition of the Alabama Journal, a local newspaper, was screened for publicity concerning the cited reports. The following item was listed on the front page of said newspaper and is quoted verbatim below:

"PILOT REPORTS BLAST 60,000 FEET ABOVE MONTGOMERY

"A pilot flying over Montgomery early this afternoon reported sighting of an explosion of an unidentified object over Montgomery, about 60,000 feet up.

"The object exploded about 1:30. The pilot was not identified.

"Meanwhile, a resident of the Cloverland area reported she saw an object, which she described as larger than a fireworks display, disintegrated before it hit the ground.

"Police said they did not have any report of the alleged explosion and the Highway Patrol reported that a search was on in the Sylacauga area for reported unidentified object which fell with a flash in an area north of Montgomery and southeast of Birmingham.

"Reports received here at 2 p.m. said what appeared to be an explosion was heard high over Sylacauga. An unidentified object fell through the roof of a home and injured a woman."

7. At 1730 hours, 30 November 1954 [redacted] Air Rescue Squadron, pilot of helicopter referred to previously, returned from Sylacauga, Alabama, and released to Special Agent ATCHLEY the object which allegedly fell through the roof of a house in Sylacauga. The object was estimated to weigh approximately nine (9) pounds, and appeared to be of rock or metallic substance, and was of black or charcoal color. [redacted] advised that he had obtained this object from Mayor EDWARD J. HOWARD and Chief of Police W. D. ASHCRAFT at Sylacauga, Alabama. [redacted] informed him to the effect that Mrs [redacted], three (3) miles east of Sylacauga, had reported to him that between 1245 and 1300 hours, 30 November 1954, the object fell through the r[redacted]er house while she was lying on the couch, and struck her on the body. [redacted] stated to the best of his knowledge, the object was not hot when it struck Mr[redacted], nor was it hot when he obtained it from Mrs. HODGES.

8. At 1800 hours, 30 November 1954, 1st Lt. GEORGE R. BUMFORD, Flight Service Center, furnished the log book of 48th Air Rescue Squadron Operations for

30 November 1954, and indicated the following notations pertaining to reports received concerning aircraft crashes and/or mid-air explosions:

a. 1238 hours: Mrs. [redacted] Homerville, Georgia, reported seeing an explosion in the air, estimated to be approximately five (5) miles north of Homerville, Georgia.

b. 1248 hours: Maxwell AFB Tower reported seeing a ball of smoke which appeared to be falling; estimated position five (5) miles north of runway #36. Search by B-25 reported negative.

c. 1301 hours: Assorted reports of crashes and explosions as follows:

(1) Mr. [redacted] Marietta, Georgia, reported to Dobbins AFB, Georgia, Fire Department that he saw explosion in the air, estimated one-quarter mile south of Smyrna, Georgia. Object resembled falling jet aircraft.

(2) Mr. [redacted]), Atlanta, Georgia, reported seeing explosion in the air resembling a falling jet.

(3) Birmingham, Alabama Airport Tower reported silver object falling at bearing 135 degrees, forty miles southeast of Birmingham. Small plane pilots reported smoke in same area at same time.

d. 1310 hours: Aircraft crash reported from Phenix City, Alabama. Search negative.

e. 1315 hours: Unidentified civilian, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, reported seeing orange flash in sky, then falling objects.

f. 1320 hours: Dobbins AFB, Georgia, Tower reported crash in vicinity of Newnan, Georgia, southwest of Atlanta, Georgia.

g. 1325 hours: Airline pilot reported crash or explosion below his altitude of 8,000 feet.

h. 1330 hours: Mr [redacted] Mississippi, reported jet aircraft on fire in air approximately 25 miles east of Greenwood, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised that he could furnish no further pertinent information.

9. At 1845 hours, 30 November 1954, Mr. [redacted] gomery, Alabama, telephonically advised the writer that at 1400 hours, this date, he had observed a large explosion followed by a mass of white flame and black smoke, due north of Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] advised that after the explosion, which he did not hear, he saw an object zig-zagging downward from the flame puff.

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10. At 1915 hours, 30 November 1954, JOHN BABCOCK, Colonel, Chief, Special Weapons Branch, Command and Staff College, examined the object with Geiger Counters which revealed no indication of radio activity.

11. At 2120 hours, 30 November 1954, RODMAN REDARD, Captain, Duty Officer, Directorate, Special Investigations, Washington, D. C., was telephonically advised of the above related events which had transpired as of this time, in compliance with AFR 200-2, by Special Agent ATCHLEY.

12. On 1 December 1954, three (3) views of the object were photographed by the Maxwell AFB Alert Photographer. These photographs are attached as Inclosure #1.

13. At 1025 hours, 1 December 1954, JOSEPH CYBULSKI, Major, Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colorado, telephonically contacted Special Agent ATCHLEY requesting information concerning the unidentified flying object which landed at Sylacauga, Alabama, 30 November 1954. CYBULSKI was furnished all pertinent information available in compliance with AFR 200-2 dated 12 August 1954. CYBULSKI advised that an Intelligence Team from Flight 2C, 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, 35th Air Division, Dobbins AFB, Marietta, Georgia, consisting of M/Sgts. LANZ and TENNILLE, had departed Dobbins AFB this date to conduct interviews at Lawson AFB, Georgia, and Phenix City, Alabama, then would report to Maxwell AFB, Alabama, to Special Agent ATCHLEY for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the object and, if possible, to obtain the object itself. CYBULSKI suggested that the 8th District OSI could either release the object to the AISS Team or could forward it to ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. CYBULSKI advised that the above action was required in order to effect compliance with applicable provisions of AFR 200-2.

14. On 1 December 1954, Mr. FOSTER HALEY, Public Information Officer, and Dr. ERNST STUHLINGER, Guided Missile Expert, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, examined the object and discussed the events with Special Agent ATCHLEY. Dr. STUHLINGER advised Special Agent ATCHLEY the object was not part of any equipment or materiel in use at their station.

15. On 1 December 1954, Special Agent ATCHLEY telephonically contacted Mr. GILBERT R. LEVY, Chief, Counter Intelligence Investigations Division, Directorate, Special Investigations, Washington, D. C., and briefed him on all pertinent information available at this time regarding the incident.

16. On 1 December 1954, GEBHARD LANZ, M/Sgt., AF 33131779, and CARL G. TENNILLE, M/Sgt., AF 6973086, Flight 2C, 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Dobbins AFB, Georgia, contacted Special Agent ATCHLEY and were briefed on all pertinent information available, by Special Agent ATCHLEY and the writer. LANZ advised that they had already obtained all information contained in Log Book of Flight Service Center, concerning the unidentified flying object and desired to obtain the object itself for return to Dobbins AFB and further transmission to Wright-Patterson AFB. The object was at this time released to LANZ and TENNILLE by Special Agent ATCHLEY.

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17. On 1 December 1954, LANZ and TENNILLE, accompanied by Special Agent ATCHLEY and the writer, interviewed Professor FREDERICK K. MORRIS, Geologist, Arctic-Desert-Tropic Information Center, Research Studies Institute, concerning the object. After considerable deliberation and examination of the object, Dr. MORRIS advised that due to present circumstances of urgency to forward object to Wright-Patterson AFB, which would permit him only a very limited examination of the object, he could identify it only as "either a stone meteorite or an earthly peridotite".

18. On 1 December 1954, JAMES G. PRATT, Colonel, Commander, Maxwell AFB, was briefed on all available pertinent information concerning the object by Special Agent ATCHLEY, M/Sgt. LANZ, M/Sgt. TENNILLE and the writer. At this time Colonel PRATT telephonically contacted the Operations Officer, 4602nd AISS, Ent AFB, Colorado, and requested that Headquarters to telephonically contact the Mayor of Sylacauga, Alabama, in an effort to satisfactorily explain the necessity for USAF examination of the object and thus avoid any publicity adverse to USAF concerning the method by which it was obtained from the Mayor of Sylacauga. This step was taken in view of increasing publicity resulting from numerous and frequent protests made by Mr. [redacted] concerning the USAF obtaining and withholding the object. It was determined from local newspapers that HODGES had this date obtained an attorney for the purpose of recovering the alleged meteorite from the USAF.

19. The following information from the Montgomery Advertiser, a newspaper of Montgomery, Alabama, and from the Birmingham Post-Herald, a Birmingham, Alabama newspaper, both of 1 December 1954, is quoted verbatim below:

"FRAGMENT OF METEORITE CRASHES SYLACAUGA HOME

"SYLACAUGA, Ala., Nov. 30 (AP) — A meteorite crashed through the roof of a house here today and slightly injured Mrs. [redacted]

"George Swindle, field representative of the U.S. Geological Survey, tested the nine-pound object and identified it as a sulphide meteorite.

"A mysterious explosion in the Sylacauga area, about 55 miles southeast of Birmingham, set off a three-state search today in which 35 or 40 planes took part. But there were no planes reported missing.

"The explosion was seen as far south as Phenix City, on the Alabama-Georgia border.

"Dr. Walter B. Jones, Alabama state geologist, said evidently a meteor exploded in southeast Alabama, and Mrs [redacted] was hurt by a particle of it.

[redacted]e, who is conducting a water survey in Sylacauga, said after he identified the meteorite, it was taken to Maxwell Air Force Base at Montgomery, 'where the Air Force is required to examine such strange objects'.

"Swindle said Mayor Ed J. Howard has assured Dr. Jones the meteorite will be placed in the state museum at the University of Alabama when it is returned by the Air Force.

"Sylacauga police rushed to th[redacted] home when the object crashed through the roof about 1 p. m.

"Mrs[redacted]said she was lying on a couch in the living room of the frame house when the meteorite smashed a three-foot wide hole in the room and came tumbling through the ceiling.

"'It hit our radio at one end of the couch and bounced off on me. It hit me on the arm and hip', she said.

"Police summoned a doctor when they arrived and Mrs[redacted]was treated for bruises. She was reported in good condition tonight.

"'We had a little excitement around here today', she told her husband when he came home from work.

"'A meteorite fell through the roof.'

[redacted] is a tree surgeon and knew nothing of the incident until he came home from work tonight. He had been trimming trees for the telephone company.

"'I don't believe I want to talk to anybody else for a while', said Mrs. [redacted] 'I'm kind of tired'.

[redacted] said his wife told him the house had been full of people all afternoon.

"'She said there must have been several hundred', he added.

[redacted]said he had no insurance on the house, and hadn't estimated the damage. He said the radio apparently was damaged extensively.

"Swindle said the meteorite was about six inches in diameter. He said the inside was a metalic, grey granular substance, which respondied to tests given for sulphide. The outside coating was a black satin appearing substance.

"Dr. Jones said tonight he would welcome the meteorite, since the University museum does not have such an object from Alabama."

"Plunges Through Roof of House---

"METEORITE HITS SYLACAUGA WIFE

3 States View Air Explosions

"Woman is First Person in History Known to be Struck by Sky Object

"A large meteor exploded high in the heavens above Alabama yesterday afternoon and a piece of it fell through the roof of a Sylacauga house and bruised a 31-year old housewife.

"[redacted], a plump, cheerful woman, was lying asleep on a sofa in her living room when she became the first person in history known to have been struck by a meteorite.

"The fragment, torn loose from the meteor by one of three terrific explosions of fire and smoke, smashed a three-foot wide hole in the roof of the Hodges' home.

"The meteorite, identified by experts as being of the sulphide variety, landed on Mrs. [redacted] hip and 'made a big bruised place'.

"'It also hit me on the hand and it swelled up', she said.

"Her hand still was swollen last night, and was turning blue-black and green.

"She said the bruises of her hip were even more colored.

"The object which struck Mrs. [redacted] was identified as a meteorite (a meteor which strikes the ground) by George Swindle, field representative of the U. S. Geological Survey.

"The explosion which tore the meteor to bits happened at 12:45 p.m. and caused wild excitement not only in Sylacauga where everyone seemed to have been viewing the heavens, but also in other parts of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

"The explosion probably occured some 40 miles up, but was heard over a wide distance and seen even further.

"A Birmingham man who saw the explosion but did not hear it, said a mush-roomed-shaped cloud formed in the direction of Sylacauga from Birmingham and lasted for about 15 minutes before dissepating.

"Observers in Sylacauga could see the smoke but could not tell its shape since it was directly overhead.

"The piece which hit Mrs. [redacted] was examined by Swindle on the scene. He happened to be in Sylacauga conducting a water survey.

"After he viewed it, an Air Force captain in a heliocopter landed in the small city 50 miles southeast of Birmingham and whisked the meteorite away to Maxwell Field at Montgomery.

"Swindle said Sylacauga Mayor Ed J. Howard gave assurances that the object will be placed in the State Museum of Natural History at the University of Alabama when it is returned by the Air Force.

"But Mrs[redacted]' husband, who didn't know about the incident until he got home from work early last night, was furious about the loss of the meteorite.

"'I am going to demand that the Air Force return the stone to me', he said. 'They had no business taking it away in the first place.'

[redacted] did not get to see the meteorite before it was flown away.

[redacted] an employe_ of Bell Telephone Co., said he thought he could 'get enough evidence that the thing fell in my house.'

"The meteorite which hit Mrs[redacted] weighed almost 10 pounds.

"Police Chief W. D. Ashcraft and other officers who handled it before it was turned over to the Air Force, said it was a metallic object, black and scorched-looking.

"Swindle, the geologist, said the meteorite was six inches in diameter. He said the inside was a metallic, gray granular substance which responded to tests given for sulphides.

"The outside coating was a black satin appearing substance.

"Besides striking Mrs.[redacted]s, the meteorite caused quite a stir in Sylacauga.

"Almost everyone in town saw the smoke which followed the explosion and a goodly number saw the explosion itself.

[redacted], a country store operator and farmer, was outside his home when he heard the explosions.

"'First there was a loud boom', he said. 'Then in a few seconds there was another one and then a third'.

[redacted] said after the first and second explosions, he located the direction of the noise and looked aloft and saw the third. There was a little fire and a lot of black smoke.

"He was about two miles from the [redacted]ouse.

[redacted]

"A woman wso lived directly across the street from the [redacted] home, Mrs. [redacted], was in her front yard planting shrubbery when the fragment fell.

"'But I didn't hear anything', she said. 'I didn't even know anything had happened until somebody came out and told me about it'.

"Mrs. [redacted] said she didn't hear anything either.

"She was asleep on a sofa in the living room, sleeping with her face toward the back of the sofa, her left hip up.

"When the meteorite hit her roof, it slanted across the room and struck her on the hip and injured her hand and arm which were lying on the hip.

"'I woke up and thought the house was falling down', Mrs. [redacted] said. 'Mama (Mr[redacted]) was in the next room sewing. She came running in and asked me if the house was falling down.

"'I said I didn't know. I thought it was the chimney. I got up and started out of the house. Then my hip started hurting.

"'I hadn't even seen the rock.'

"Then she and her mother found the hole in the roof and saw the 'rock' on the floor. They called the police.

"'There wasn't any smell or anything to the rock,' said Mrs. [redacted]

"Police Lt. W. T. Van Sandt, when he arrived, realized what must have happened and took the object to the police station where it was identified by the U. S. geologist.

"Van Sandt said that the object was cold to the touch when he arrived.

"Mrs. [redacted] and her mother had not disturbed the meteorite.

"But her clothing was not scorched and she was not burned on the arm where it hit her.

"'It's a good thing it didn't hit me in the head,' said Mrs. [redacted] 'It might have killed me.'

"Mrs. [redacted] thought at first the object had fallen atop a radio set in the corner and then bounced and hit her. The radio was damaged.

"'But now I don't believe it did,' she said. 'The radio might have been hit by a piece of the ceiling or roof.'

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"Police summoned a doctor who took Mrs. [redacted] to his office and X-rayed her. He did not find any broken bones and sent her home.

"Her husband did not know of any of this until he arrived home from work.

"'We had a little excitement around here today', she told Hodges, in a wifely fashion. 'A meteor fell through the roof.'

"The [redacted] home is one of the oldest Houses in the Sylacauga area. It is a rambling wooden house set among groves of old trees.

"One witness to the explosion said that before it exploded, the meteor appeared to be a plane on fire.

"'It was a blaze of fire with a lot of smoke', said Miss [redacted] a waitress at the [redacted] near Sylacauga.

"She was standing outside waiting for a bus with two other women.

"'One of them said to look at the plane on fire', Mis[redacted] said. 'We looked and there it was.'

"Just at that moment, she said, it blew up in a blinding flash and a lot of noise.

"It appeared to come out of the southeast.

"Several other persons in Sylacauga thought it was a burning plane also, and a search with some 30 or 40 airplanes got under way shortly to look for the crash.

"There were variances in the descriptions of the smoke from the explosions.

"In Sylacauga, it appeared black.

"In Birmingham and in other places at a distance, it appeared white.

"There was immediate re-action to the meteorite story from over the nation.

"Experts agreed unanimously that Mrs. Hodges was the first person known to have been struck by a meteorite.

[redacted] amateur astronomer and registrar [redacted] College, said he never had heard of it before.

[redacted] head of the astronomy department at [redacted] at Atlanta, said that the injury of Mrs[redacted] was the first that he knew of that could be attributed to a meteor.

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"Numerous astronomers state in books on the subject that no one ever has been struck.

"But the fragment which fell from the sky over Alabama yesterday is only one of billions which strike the earth's atmosphere each day.

"Most of them are tiny particles of sand-like material, remnants of lost worlds that exploded eons ago and swarm around the sun like knats.

"Some are in regular orbits and when the earth passes through these meteor orbits, more are seen than normally.

"Only rarely does one last more than an instant of a second before being burned to a crisp by earth's atmosphere.

"The burning of the meteors is caused by their tremendous speed as they come into contact with the earth's atmosphere.

"Meteors generally start burning at about 100 miles up and burn out before they descend very far. If one is large enough to burn until it reaches an altitude of about 40 miles, it explodes in a manner similar to one which blew up over Sylacauga.

"The pieces then drift down over wide areas, hitting the ground at only moderate speeds because the air resistance slows them down.

"The fact that the Sylacauga meteor exploded at a tremendous height is substantiated by the fact that the explosion was seen from three states.

"It was seen at Phenix City and a wild report started there that the meteor was a flying saucer and that a woman saw a man get out of it.

"Guardsmen went out in planes, jeeps, ambulances and heliocopter trying to find the object.

"But Guardsmen were unable to find anything, even though they scoured the area.

"The bright flash across the sky was reported simultaneously at Atlanta, Newnan and Columbus, Ga., several parts of Alabama, and as far west as Greenville, Miss.

"In Atlanta, the Air Force and State Patrol received several reports of a probable plane crash near Newnan, 40 miles southwest of Atlanta. Two patrol cars searched the area for two hours before calling off the search.

[redacted]

"Radio Station WOCH in Newnan reported numerous calls from persons who said they saw a mysterious, flaming object in the sky.

"A Civil Aeronautics Admn., employe in Montgomery saw the falling meteor. He described it as 'a bright light like a falling star with a trail of smoke behind it' which fell across the horizon from a great height.

"A Maxwell Air Force pilot who was flying at high altitude also sighted it and gave a similar description.

"National Guard Sgt. Joe Clark of Elba was with the Guard in Phenix City. He said it appeared smaller than a plane.

"In Sylacauga, the descriptions of the explosions were as varied as the persons who heard it.

"To some, it was just loud 'boom, boom, booms'.

"Others heard small crackling noises and popping sounds between the big explosions.

"A Sylacauga city councilman, B. J. Phillips said it sounded like thunder to him. He was at home resting after lunch when the explosion occurred.

"Being the first person to be hit by a falling meteorite was of almost no moment to Mrs. [redacted]. When asked how she felt about the dubious honor, she said: 'I feel bruised.'

"And what kind of a day was it?

"It was a day when the stars fell on Alabama at last."

20. On 6 December 1954, copy of report of incident as written by LANZ and TENNILLE was received from Flight 2C, 4602nd AISS, Dobbins AFB, Georgia, and is quoted verbatim: (Details only)

"FLIGHT 2-C, 4602D AISS
35TH AIR DIV (D), DOBBINS AFB, UFOB
MARIETTA, GEORGIA

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS RELATING TO UFOB SEEN AT SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA(GEOREF: GJDD 4510)

1. Received telephone call from Hq 4602d AISS, Colorado Springs, Colorado at 1/0100Z. Major Cybulski informed Sgt Lanz to proceed to the foll places and contact the foll persons and/or agencies relative to investigation of report:

a. Atlanta Municipal Airport, Air Route Traffic Control Center (GEOREF: GJFD 3646).

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b. Lawson Air Force Base[redacted].

c. Phenix City, Alabama, Mr. [redacted] (GEOREF: GJEC 5928).

d. Maxwell Air Force Base, Flight Service, 48 ARS, Major Kelso (GEOREF: GJDC 3928).

e. Sylacauga, Alabama, Mrs. [redacted].

2. At 1/0120Z another call was received from Hq 4602d; Major De Bruler and Major Cybulski informed Sgt Lanz that a TT msg rept had been received at 35th Air Div (Def), DAFB, Marietta, Georgia (GEOREF: GJFD 2954) relative to UFOB re: TT msg M 30/2243Z from Comdr Flight Service, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

3. A check was made with 35th Division D/I and a copy of above cited msg was picked up prior to departure for investigation by M/Sgt's Lanz and Tennille at 1/0210Z. Team utilized mil vehicle.

4. At 1/0330Z team arrived at Atlanta Municipal Airport, Air Route Traffic Control Center, and the following information was obtained from H. W. Duke, Senior Controller ARTCC, Atlanta, Georgia (Note: Extracted verbatim from ARTCC log):

a. At 30/1854Z Montgomery(MGM) and Maxwell(MXF) Tower reported explosion at high altitude and ball of fire trailing smoke falling north of Montgomery, Alabama(MGM).

b. At 30/1855Z Atlanta, Georgia(ATL) Tower reported bright flash west of airport. Dobbins AFB(MGE) Tower reported this to ATL also. AF 2275 B-47 witnessed the same thing and advised object above 34,000 feet. Mr. Campbell at (TCL) Tuscaloosa, Alabama reported to TCL the same thing.

c. At 30/1900Z Maxwell(MXF) Flight Service advised they were sending out a SA-16 from Rescue Squadron to investigate.

d. At 30/1905 Dobbins AFB has no B-47's out. All IFR in (MGM) area accounted for.

e. At 30/1909Z Tuscaloosa, Alabama (TCL) advised Mr[redacted] of TCL University observed bright orange flame and pieces falling east of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Birmingham, Alabama (BHM) advised it appeared to be bearing 135 degrees from (BHM). Montgomery (MGM) advised due north of Montgomery. AF 2275 (B-47) advised altitude looked to be 60,000 feet. Flight Service advised 30/1910Z.

f. At 30/1928Z Alabama State Patrol sending unit to Smith's station (6 miles NE of Phenix City on U.S. 280) to investigate falling object reported hitting ground.

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g. At 30/2030Z Birmingham, Alabama(BHM) Tower advised Weather Bureau had received a report that a meteorite had fallen at Sylacauga, Alabama.

h. Maxwell Flight Service(MXFFS) advised 30/2032Z.

i. At 30/2108Z Alabama State Patrol advised Birmingham(BHM) Tower a woman was injured (broken hip) by a falling object near Sylacauga, Alabama. Woman in hospital at Sylacauga, Alabama.

j. At 30/2115Z Eastern Airline Aircraft Trip # 181 advised Birmingham (BHM) Tower of the following: sighted a helicopter in a field 140 degrees bearing from Birmingham, Alabama and 210 degrees bearing from Anniston, Alabama(ANB). Appeared to be a fire in the field and helicopter appeared to be investigating.

5. Team departed Atlanta Municipal Airport at 1/0430Z for Lawson Air Force Base, Fort Benning, Georgia and arrived 1/0900Z.

6. At 1/1300Z Mr. J. V. Warren (Civilian), Chief Dispatcher at Lawson AFB and SFC Harold S. Murray of the Dispatchers Office LAFB were interviewed. They related the following information:

a. At 30/1850Z telephone call was received from Mr. Marion Jones, Phenix City, Alabama, reporting the sighting of a falling object. Since Jones inferred that this was obviously an aircraft crash, emergency procedures were instituted by Lawson Operations Officer. Refer to incl # 1, UFOB rept (Completed ATIC form 164).

b. At 30/1915Z two helicopters were dispatched to alleged crash site with Capt Charles D. Lang in charge. Simultaneously, a ground rescue party departed to search the area. Both parties were recalled at 30/2130Z. Results of search were negative.

c. At 30/1945Z telephone call was received from [redacted], Smith Station, Alabama reporting falling object.

d. At 30/1950Z Capt D. W. Read, 464 Trp Carr Wg, Pope AFB, Fort Bragg, North Carolina phoned Dispatcher (Warren) that a moving object was observed from downtown Columbus, Georgia (GEOREF: GJFC 0329), bearing 270 to 280 degrees. The object with a long brilliant trail of fire exploded at approximately 40 degrees azimuth from surface.

7. An unsuccessful attempt was made to locate Capt Read. An ATIC form 164 (USAF Technical Information Sheet) was left with Mr. Warren for completion and forwarding to Flight 2-C, 4602d AISS, DAFB, Marietta, Georgia by Capt Read. Team departed for Maxwell AFB, Alabama at 1/1500Z.

8. At 1/1900Z Intell Team arrived Operations Office, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

a. The names and locations of the following personnel were obtained:

Col K. L. Atchley
District Commander
8th District OSI (16)
Maxwell AFB

Capt Marsten
Operations Officer
48th Air Rescue Squadron
Maxwell AFB

T/Sgt Jack L. Potter
Control Tower Operator
48th Air Rescue Squadron
Maxwell AFB

b. T/Sgt Potter met Sgt Lanz at operations for completion of ATIC Form # 164(Ref incl # 2).

c. Sgt Tennille contacted Capt Marsten, 48th Air Rescue Squadron, and was informed that five helicopters were dispatched to different locations given at time of flash and/or explosion. One of the helicopters piloted by Capt Rogers landed at Sylacauga, Alabama. He acquired the object and returned with same to Maxwell AFB. (Itinerary of flights being forwarded to Flt 2-C via air mail). 48th Air Rescue Squadron transferred object to Col Atchley of OSI.

d. Sgt Tennille phoned Col Atchley from 48th ARS and was informed that Hq 4602d AISS had contacted Col Atchley regarding object. It was decided that Flt 2-C, 4602d AISS would assume custody of object. Sgt's Lanz and Tennille proceeded to the District OSI Office and were met there by Col Atchley who informed them that according to AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54, he would relinquish the object to Flt 2-C's investigating team.

e. Because of unfavorable publicity incurred by the acquisition of the object, Col Atchley suggested that the matter should be coordinated with the Base Comdr, Col James E. Pratt, 3800 Air Base Group, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Col Atchley and Sgt's Lanz and Tennille proceeded to Col Pratt's office where he was briefed on the situation; He suggested a call to Comdr 4602d AISS, outlining action for pacifying the local people involved in Sylacauga, Alabama - specifically the [redacted] the individual struck by

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the object. Since AFR 200-2 outlines the disposition of UFOB matter found, Col Pratt suggested we pick up object and proceed to Dobbins AFB, Marietta, Georgia.

f. Col Atchley suggested that the object be examined by Dr. Frederick K. Morris of the Directory of Research Studies Institute, Arctic, Desert and Tropic Information Center at Maxwell AFB. Dr. Morris stated that he was equipped for complete analysis of object, if so requested. He believed that its composition was 'either a stone meteorite or an earthly peridotite.' Furthermore, he suggested that the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C.(GEOREF: GJNJ 5856) would be interested in its study.

9. At 1/2330Z team departed MAFB and arrived at Flight Headquarters at 2/0500Z

10. Investigators' Comments:

Because of events related in par 8e, it was decided by the team not to visit Mrs[redacted] immediately but to return to DAFB, Marietta, Georgia for quick transfer of object to ATIC. If, however, it is deemed necessary, Mrs[redacted] can be interviewed by Flight 2-C.

Regarding object and source of origin, the following opinions were reached. From opinions given by sources considered reliable, it is believed that an object of similar size, weight and shape, travelling at the high speed normally attributed to a meteorite, would have smashed through the floor and buried itself deep into the earth. Instead, it merely penetrated the roof and ceiling, hit Mrs. [redacted] and dropped on floor according to Mrs. [redacted] story to newspapers (Ref incl # 3). Object was forwarded to ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for further analysis.

RICHARD C VAUGHN
1st Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge"

21. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with paragraph 7, AFR 124-1.

INCLOSURES:

COMMANDER, 3800TH AIR BASE WING, MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA
DIRECTOR, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, HQS, USAF, WASHINGTON D. C.
COMMANDER, AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, ENT AFB, COLORADO
DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 14, LOWRY AFB, COLORADO

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Inclosures: (Cont'd)

COMMANDER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO, ATTN: ATIC
DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

Photographs, three (3) views of UFOB.

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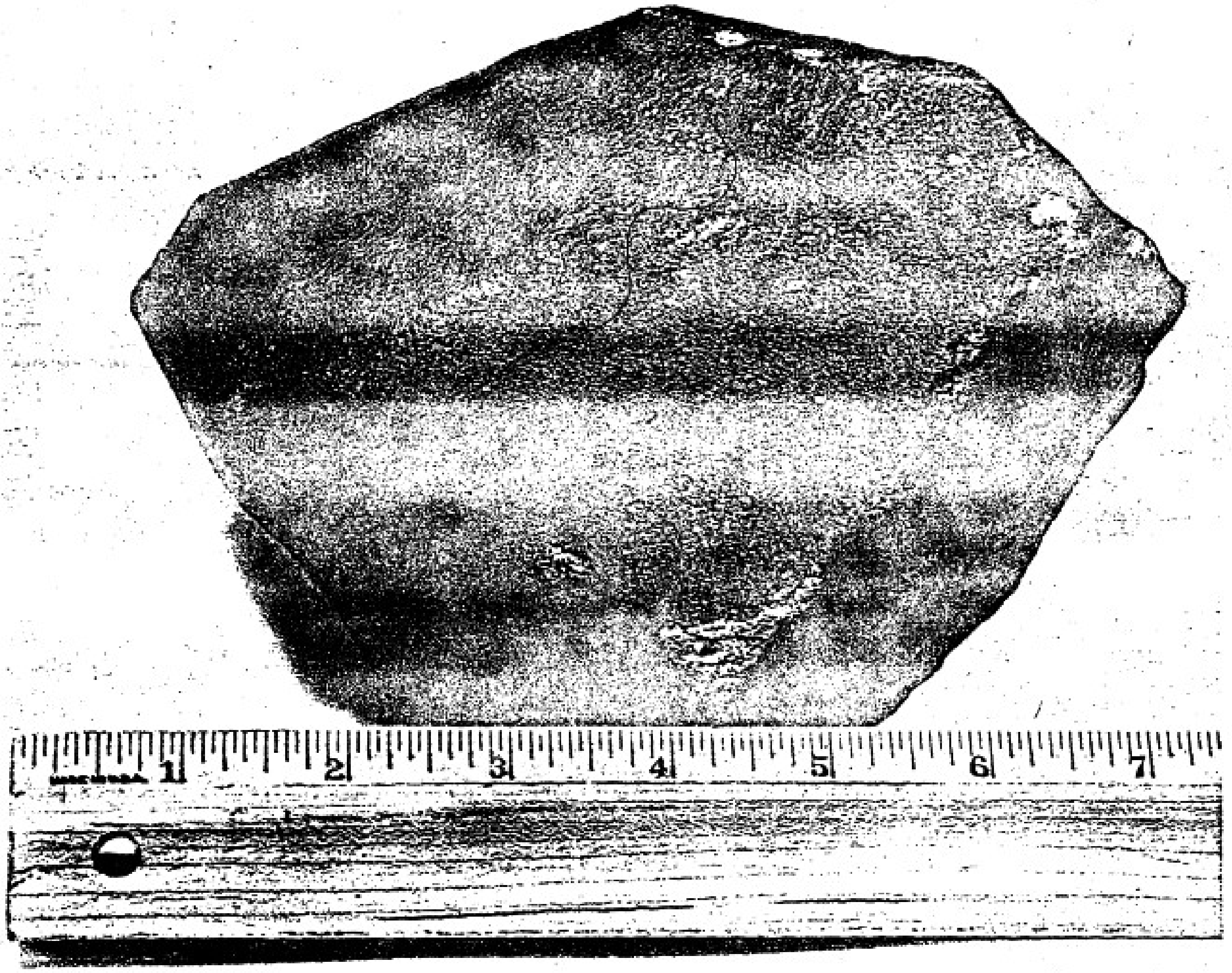

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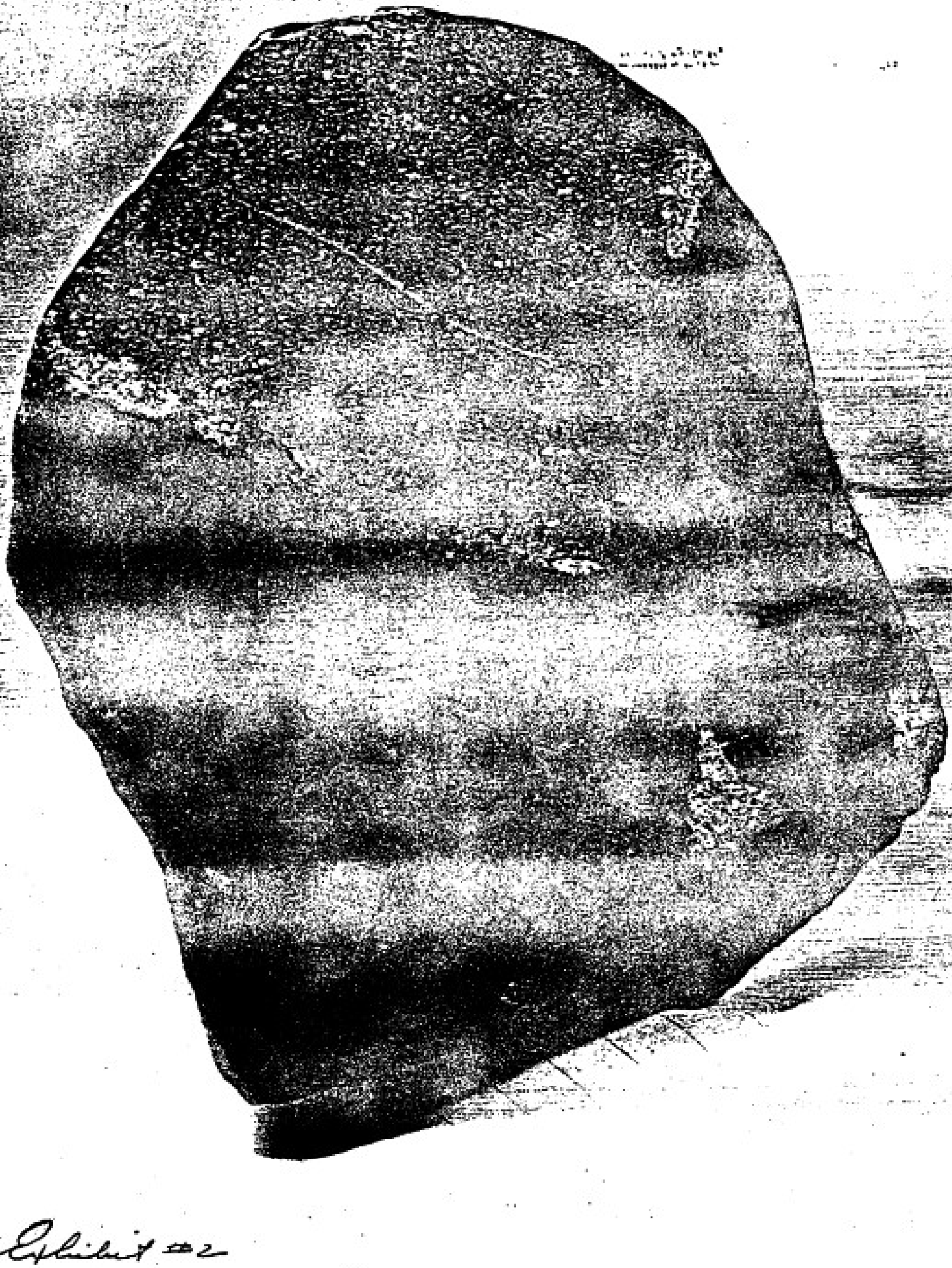

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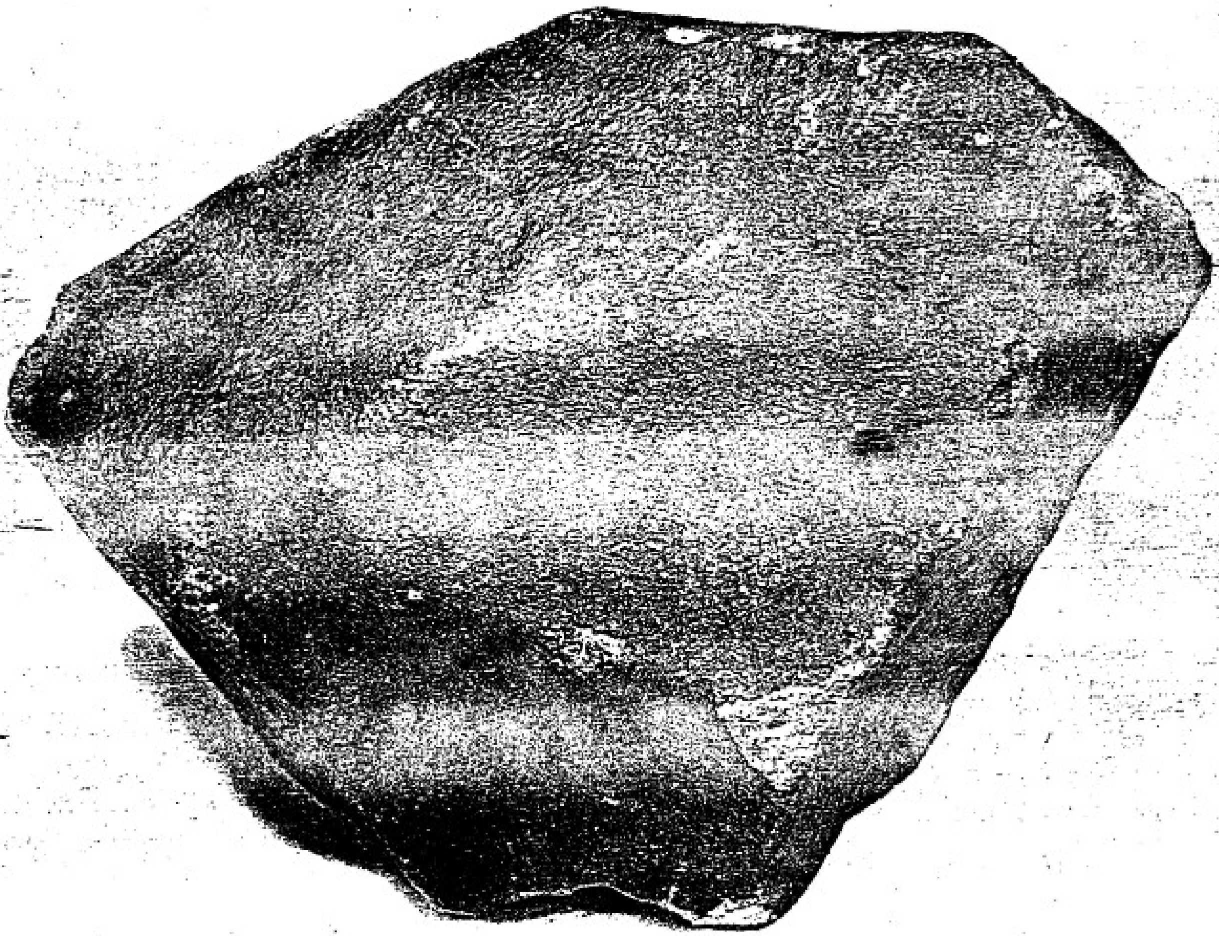

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF adt
8TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA

15 DEC 1954

8D 24-424

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Over Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi
and particularly Sylacauga, Alabama,
30 November 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference your letter dated 7 December 1954, file AFOSI-6D 24-185-8-30, concerning Subject.

2. The report of the 4602d AISS regarding Subject was set forth in paragraph 20 of Report of Investigation of Special Agent Donald T. Scaff, this District, file 24-424, dated 8 December 1954.

3. Your attention is invited to the fact that no information concerning the results of the analysis of the object by ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, was contained in the report of the 4602d AISS. In the event the results of the laboratory analysis are desired, it is suggested that such information be obtained through 5th District OSI.

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cc: DO#5
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R. L. Atchley
R. L. ATCHLEY
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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6 June 1956

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object over Birmingham, Alabama, 5 June 1956.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

N/A

TO: Commander
3800th Air Base Wing
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

1. This letter is a confirmation of memorandum by Special Agent Joseph W. Barnidge, Jr., this district, dated 5 June 1956, regarding above Subject, which was hand carried to your Provost Marshal on 5 June 1956.

2. On 5 June 1956, [redacted] College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, advised S/A Barnidge that at 1437Z hours, 5 June 1956, they had sighted an unidentified object flying in the air over Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. In this connection, the following information was furnished:

a. Description

(1) The object was described as being perfectly circular in shape and flat by Major Oelker, and by [redacted] as an ellipse shaped object.

(2) The size was described by both officers as being similar to a small American type fighter aircraft, roughly approximately 40 to 50 feet in diameter and 6 to 8 feet in thickness.

(3) The color was indicated as aluminum or silver.

(4) Only one object was sighted and there were no tails, trails or exhausts noted. There was also no sound noted above the sound of the B-25 aircraft in which the officers were flying.

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b. Course of Object

At the time the object was sighted, [redacted]was flying practice instruments under the hood a[redacted] was acting as Safety Pilot. The heading of their aircraft was to the north at 6000 feet and the location was directly over Birmingham, Alabama airport. Major [redacted] first noted the object coming directly toward his aircraft at an altitude of approximately 3000 feet. He observed the object some 20 to 30 seconds during which time it climbed approximately 2000 feet and when it passed his aircraft it was, in his estimation, approximately 2000 feet west of his position. At this time [redacted] banked his aircraft very sharply in an attempt to follow the object, at the same time calling the matter to the attention of Maj[redacted]. Maj[redacted] claims to have seen the object for approximately 4 or 5 seconds. The object, according to both officers, continued to climb in a southerly direction and disappeared from sight.

c. Weather Conditions

Both officers described the weather as CAVU with the visibility of approximately 10 miles. Since they were on a local clearance, they had no knowledge of a thunderstorm or other electrical activities in the area.

d. Unusual Characteristics

The object was described as spinning at all times while under observation and although the officers were in a B-25 aircraft at cruising speed, they did not feel qualified to estimate the speed of the object. However, it is noted the object readily pulled away from their view.

3. Although Maj[redacted] claims to have had a camera in his possession at the time of the sighting, he stated that since he first thought the object was an aircraft, no attempt was made by him to take a picture thereof.

4. Both officers complete their course of instruction at Maxwell AFB on 14 June 1956, at which time they will be reassigned as follows:

Major [redacted], Texas.
Major [redacted]

5. This district contemplates no further inquiry into this matter and the case is considered closed in the files of this district.

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Ltr, DO #8 file 24-471, dd 6 June 56 to Comdr, 3800th ABW - Cont'd.

6. Attention is invited to Paragraph 7b, AFR 124-1 which prohibits the disclosure of investigative information to unauthorized persons. This letter is classified confidential pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

JOHN H. GORDON
Major, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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HEADQUARTERS
8th District OSI (IG), USAF
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

9 DEC 1958

SD 24-0-208
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
3800th Air Base Wing
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, the attached report of sighting of Unidentified Flying Object is forwarded.

2. No additional information regarding this matter is available to this headquarters.

ROY A. LAKIE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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~~Dec~~: Dir OSI, w/incl.

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD:

At approximately 1130 hours, this date, Mr. Loren W. Vaughn, Special Agent, CIC, Ft. McClellan, Alabama telephonically furnished the undersigned the following information:

"Concerning: Flying Object

"Time, Date and Place: 0315 hours, 6 December 1958 at Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama

"Summary of Information:

[redacted] civilian guard of Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama, at approximately 0315 hours on 6 December 1958, was sitting in his patrol car eating his lunch when he thought he saw a light reflection out of the corner of his eye. When he looked towards this light, he saw an oval shapedobject, about 6 to 8 feet in diameter and about 4 feet in height.

"It was moving at approximately 10 to 15 miles per hour at an altitude of about 75 feet. Miller followed the object in his car for approximately one half mile with the light of his car off, staying parallel and a little behind it. He then became scared and backed into a drive-way to turn around. Just before he turned to go in the opposite direction, the object stopped in mid-air and hovered over an igloo (warehouse) for a few seconds and then took off in a northeasterly direction at a terrific rate of speed or that speed comparable to a jet.

"It was a perfectly clean moon-lit night and the only light [redacted] saw on the object was the reflection of the moon. He saw no exhaust pipes, no propellers, and as far as he could tell, the object made no noise. While in flight, the object seemed to teeter somewhat from side to side. No further information at this time."

Mr. [redacted] advised that he considers the information [redacted]

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander
5th OSI District (IG)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
8th District Office of Special Investigations
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 8D 24-587

SUBJECT: Unidentified Object, WESTOVER, ALA., 8 JUL 61.

13 JUL 1961

TO: Headquarters, USAF (AFISI-6A)

1. On 8 July 1961, S/A James Pugh, FBI Field Office, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically advised the Detachment Commander, OSI Detachment 801, Birmingham, Alabama, that W. W. Sewell, Deputy Sheriff, Shelby County, Alabama, had advised that [redacted] Westover, Alabama, had notified him that an object, which he thought fell from an airplane, was stuck in the ground on his farm. S/A Pugh stated that from information received it appeared to be a missile, and was buried approximately two feet in the ground.

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2. The Detachment Commander, OSI Detachment 801, drove to the Robinson residence, Westover, Alabama, and obtained the object which is described as follows:

A red tubular device, containing a plastic tail and four fins. A label on the tubular section reflected it to be a "flaming arrow", two-stage missile. The directions for firing indicated the object should stand on level ground, away from overhead obstructions, "light fuse and get away." The manufacturer of the item was indicated as "Space Models, Fort Worth 14, Texas". On the surface of one of the tail fins was written the figure "100". The overall length of the tubular section is about 6" and the tailfin section is about 2". The tubular section is about as big around as a 12 guage shot gun shell.

3. By letter dated 10 July 1961, The Special Agent in Charge, FBI Field Office, Birmingham, Alabama, confirmed the above information to the Detachment Commander, OSI Detachment 801, and indicated that no action is being taken by the FBI in this matter.

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4. Inasmuch as it is apparent that the object in question is a toy model of a missile, undoubtedly used in a fireworks demonstration during the 4th of July period, no further investigative activity is contemplated and this information is furnished for record purposes. This case is closed in the files of this district office.

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R. C. ULRICH
Lt Colonel, USAF
For: VINCENT J. DONAHUE
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-46 DATE 16 November 1949 REPORT MADE BY EDWARD SUPE
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT on 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Ala by [redacted]	REPORT MADE AT DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. PERIOD 2 November 1949 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama STATUS CLOSED

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949

SYNOPSIS

Report of DO #6 indicated that the interview of Captain [redacted], Eastern Airlines Pilot, Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed that his sighting the 23 July 1948, did not occur on the same day as that reported by [redacted] [redacted] the 21st of August 1948. No other pertinent information was developed and all outstanding leads have been investigated, therefore this report is considered closed by this office.

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FILE NO: 24-40

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SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama
by [redacted]

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Historian
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TO: Detachment Commander
Marietta OSI Detachment
Marietta AFB, Georgia

1. Reference is made to report, subject as above, file 24-185 (file has been changed to 24-40), dated 2 November 1949, by Special Agent CORSON.

2. It was noted that the status of this auxiliary case was PENDING, yet, no undeveloped leads were cited.

3. It was also noted that copies of this report were not marked for distribution to the CG, Air Materiel Command, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 e (1), AFCSI Letter 85, dated 12 August 1949.

4. For your information, necessary corrective action has been taken by this office. It is requested that due care be taken by your detachment in the future to preclude recurrences of errors of this nature.

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JOHN P. McCONNELL, Maj, USAF
Chief, Investigative Support Section
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE,, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

WJW/jw
21 October 1949

CASE FILE NO: 24-185

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On Aug 21, 1948 at Montgomery, Ala. by
[redacted]

TO: DETCO
Marietta Det OSI (IG)
Marietta AFB, Ga.

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1. Reference is made to our lead sheet, above subject and file number, dated 21 September 1949.

2. Information is requested as to probable date developed leads may be expected to reach this office.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

James C. Borden
JAMES C. BORDEN
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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HQ, SIXTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, Marietta AFB, Marietta, Ga.
3 November 1949

TO: Hq, 6th Dist OSI, (IG), Robins AFB, Warner Robins, Ga.

Leads regarding subject case completed in this area and attached report fwd to Dist Hq this date.

Herbert F. Corson
HERBERT F. CORSON
DETCO
Marietta AFB, Ga.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. 24-~~138~~-40 — DATE 2 November 1949
	REPORT MADE BY Herbert F. Corson, SA
TITLE SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT on 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama by Mr. [redacted]	REPORT MADE AT 6th Dist OSI (IG), Marietta AFB, Ga.
	PERIOD 6 October 1949
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN 8th Dist OSI (IG), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
	STATUS PENDING REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY – UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

AFOSI Letter #65, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

[redacted] was interviewed and stated that he sighted an unidentified flying object 30 to 50 miles southwest of Montgomery, Alabama at approximately 0340, 23 July 1948, at an estimated altitude of 5000 feet. This object was flying northeast to southwest at an estimated speed of at least 500 miles per hour. [redacted] reported this to Eastern Air Lines Publicity Control Officials on 23 July 1948.

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TITLE: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT; CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT; FILE NO: 24-185; DATE: 2 November 1949

DETAILS:

AT MARIETTA AFB, GEORGIA

1. At approximately 1400 hours, 6 October 1949, [redacted], Eastern Air Lines, Atlanta, Georgia, stated that he had seen an unidentified flying object on 23 July 1948, which he assumed to be a secret type USAF aircraft, and reported same to the Eastern Air Lines Public Relations Representatives and Safety Board Officials.

2. On 6 October 1949, Captain [redacted] Georgia, was interviewed and supplied the following data:

Date of sighting	23 July 1948
Time of sighting	0340 hours
Place of sighting	30 to 50 miles southwest of Montgomery, Alabama. Observer's position was from the cockpit of an Eastern Air Lines D-3 at approximately same altitude as unidentified flying object.
Number of objects	One (1)
Celestial phenomena	None.
Distance of object from observer	Observer had forward and going away view from about 2 to 3 miles distance.
Time in sight	5 to 8 seconds
Appearance of object	A double-decked cigar shape fuselage, illuminated thru apparent port-holes, resembling a D-C 6 without wings in size and appearance.
Direction of flight	Northeast to southwest.
Tactics of maneuvers	Object appeared to be traveling in straight and level flight at same altitude but to the right and in an opposite direction to

[redacted]L

Tactics of maneuvers (cont'd)	that of observer. After passing abreast of airliner carrying observer, object tended to disappear upwards to the rear and disappeared into overcast.
Evidence of exhaust	A cherry red flame extended 50 to 75 feet to rear of object.
Effect on clouds	None.
Lights	The forward two-thirdsof cylindrical unidentified flying object appeared to have two well defined rows of cabin lights.
Support	No wings
Propulsion	Appeared to be result of jet power.
Control	Excellent - well coordinated gentle climbing turn into clouds prior to disappearance.
Air ducts	None observed.
Speed	At least 500 miles per hours.
Sound	None audible.
Manner of disappearance	Disappeared into cloud bank to rear of observer, after slight climbing turn.
Weather	(At 5000) Visibility - Excellent, with 25 mile range. High - broken clouds - brilliant moonlight - faint trace of light breeze.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia

[redacted]

TITLE: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT; CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT; FILE NO: 34-185; DATE: 2 November 1949

Occupation	1st Pilot - Eastern Air Lines.
Place of business	Atlanta Office - Eastern Air Lines.
Pertinent hobbies	Photography.
Ability to determine	Excellent
Reliability of observer	During the war, observer was a Lt. Col. Pilot, USAF, in a command capacity on the Ascension Islands, with vast experience in judging and identifying aircraft.
Witnesses	[redacted] formerly with Eastern Air Lines. Address unknown. [redacted], Columbus, Ohio

Note: Capt [redacted] stated during the course of the interview that he has never sighted any unidentified flying object at any time other than at 0340, 23 July 1948.

REFERRED ~~PENDING~~ UPON COMPLETION

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TITLE: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT; CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT; FILE NO: 24-185; DATE: 2 November 1949

INCLOSURES

The following inclosures are attached to each copy of report:

Incl. 1. Exhibit "A" - Extracted Article from Page 1, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 24 July 1948.

Incl. 2. Exhibit "B" - Extracted Article from Page 1, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 25 July 1948.

Incl. 3. Exhibit "C" - Extracted Article from Page 1, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta, Georgia, dated 26 July 1948.

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ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, DATED 24 JULY 1948

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Two Eastern Air Lines pilots reported Saturday that their plane Friday night passed a tremendous wingless aircraft that shot 40 feet of flame from the back end and was traveling 500 - 700 miles per hour.

Capt[redacted]and Co-pil[redacted] said the object looked like a B-29 fuselage "blown up abut 4 times" and was brilliantly lighted with 2 decks of big square windows. The object passed within several hundred feet of the DC-3 and then shot up into the clouds.

EXHIBIT "A"

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ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, DATED 25 JULY 1948
(Three Column Spread)

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Large Photo of [redacted]

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Article with same information as 24th July with added speculation and denials by U. S. Air Force and Air Lines and plane manufacturers that the object was of U. S. make.

Passenger who also saw object identified as Mr. [redacted] of Columbus, Ohio, who stated that all he saw was a flash of fire pass the DC-3.

EXHIBIT "3"

[redacted]

ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, DATED 25 JULY 1949

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People all over the country seeing objects.

Mrs. [redacted] of Brookhaven, Georgia saw object.

[redacted] an Exposition Mills painter who lives near airport also saw object in past.

EXHIBIT "Q"

[redacted]

File No. 201-[redacted](o)
24-40

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On 21 August 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama
by Mr.[redacted].

TO: Detachment Commander
6th District OSI (IG)
Marietta Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

1. Reference is made to letter this office, File 24-185 dated 21 October 1949, wherein information was requested as to probable date of lead in this case may be expected to reach this office.

2. It is to be noted that number of this case has been changed from 24-185 to 24-40.

3. To date case has not been received by this office despite information from the Detachment Commander, Marietta, on 13 October 1949, to the effect that case was assembled and ready for submission.

4. This office is cognizant of work-load at your detachment; however, delays of this nature cannot be tolerated. It is accordingly directed that this report be completed and forwarded to reach this office not later than 9 November 1949.

5. Request that Detachment Commander indicate by indorsement hereon reasons for delay of this case.

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JAMES C. BORDEN
Major, USAF
Acting District Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE,, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

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CASE FILE NO: 24-185

21 October 1949

SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On Aug 21, 1943 at Montgomery, Ala. by
Mr [redacted]

TO: DEPCO
Marietta Det OSI (IG)
Marietta AFB, Ga.

1. Reference is made to our lead sheet, above subject and file number, dated 21 September 1949.

2. Information is requested as to probable date developed leads may be expected to reach this office.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

James C. Borden
JAMES C. BORDEN
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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The Inspector General
6th DISTRICT OSI

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-46

DATE 12 September 1949

REPORT MADE BY EDWARD SUPE

TITLE
SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
On 21 AUGUST 1948 at Montgomery, Alabama
by Mr [redacted]

REPORT MADE AT DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

PERIOD 7 September 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #8, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

STATUS PENDING

CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE AFCSI Letter #85, dated 12 August 1949.

SYNOPSIS

MR. [redacted], Jr was interviewed and stated that he sighted an unidentified flying object ten miles north of Montgomery, Alabama at approximately 2015, 21 August 1948, at an estimated altitude below 3000 feet. This object was flying northwest by north at an estimated speed less than 100 miles per hour. [redacted] was reluctant about reporting his sightings at that time because he thought it was a secret U.S. aircraft.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon receipt of information from Maj[redacted] Maxwell AFB, Alabama, on 31 August 1949.

AT MAXWELL AFB, ALABAMA

2. At 1510 hours, 31 August 1949, [redacted] informed the 8th District Office OSI IG, Maxwell AFB, that a civilian, [redacted]gomery, Alabama, stated that he had seen a so-called "flying saucer" approximately 1½ year ago but was reluctant to report his sightings because he thought such aircraft were secret US aircraft. This information was transmitted to Major[redacted] Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell AFB, on 31 August 1949.

3. On 7 September 1949 [redacted]Street, Montgomery, Alabama, was interviewed and supplied the following data:

Date of sighting	21 August 1948
Time of sighting	Approximately 2015 hours.
Place of sighting	Approximately 15 miles north of Montgomery in Elmore County. The observer's position was on the ground.
Number of objects	one
Celestial phenomena	none
Distance of object from observer	Observer had a lateral view of object which appeared to be coming downward at a 20 to 30 degree angle and an estimated altitude below 3000 feet.
Time in sight	5 to 10 seconds
Appearance of object	Light object of white or silvery color having a cigar-shape with bulky center; object did not have a smooth taper. Its apparent construction was impossible to determine.
Direction of flight	Northwest by North.

Tactics of maneuvers	Object appeared to be descending very smoothly and did not have an erratic flight. Object was moving very slowly, far too slowly to be a freely falling body. Object maneuvered concisely and exactly down its latitudinal and longitudinal axes.
Evidence of exhaust	none
Effect on clouds	clear, no clouds.
Lights	Object had no individual lights. However, a blue-white corona-like lighting surrounded the nose and bottom of the object. Observer stated this was the most peculiar thing he noticed about the object.
Support	None observed.
Propulsion	None observed.
Control and stability	Fine control; no stabilizers observed
Air ducts	None observed (no protuberances of any kind observed)
Speed	Less than 100 miles per hour.
Sound	None
Manner of disappearance	Disappeared behind some trees.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
Occupation	Professional photographer
Place of business	[redacted]
Pertinent hobbies	Photography and small bolt firearms
Ability to determine	Good

[redacted]

Reliability of observer	During the war observer did a great amount of colored photography in the US Navy. While in the Navy he also engaged in Naval Jet Propulsion experiments for nine months at US Naval Experimenting Station, Annapolis, Md.
Witnesses:	None other than observer's wife, Mrs [redacted] Montgomery, Ala. Reliability unknown. Observer stated that according to a newspaper account, an Eastern Airlines Pilot had reported sighting a "Flying Saucer" 50 miles north of Montgomery on the same day that PERRY had sighted this object. On 7 September 1949, Eastern Airlines Officials at Dannely Airport, Montgomery, were contacted and stated that they vaguely remembered a [redacted] (Not further identified) Eastern Airlines, Atlanta, Ga, who reported the incident to the press. They were unable to give any facts surrounding this [illegible] CHILES did not land at Montgomery. On 7 September 1949 the local newspaper morgues were checked with negative results. However, it was noted that a great number of aircraft crashes occurred throughout the country prior to and subsequent to the alleged sighting of this object.
Radar	Log of 21 August 1948 was checked with negative results.

4. On 7 September 1949 a check of the weather records at US Weather Bureau, Montgomery, Alabama, revealed the following information:

1730 Weather	21 August 1948

Visibility 12 miles, temperature 85 degrees F, dew point 71, northwest wind, 5 miles per hour.

[redacted]

1825 weather 21 August 1948

Visibility 12 miles, temperature 83 degrees F, dew point 70, north by northwest wind, 7 miles per hour.

1928 weather 21 August 1948

Visibility 15 miles, temperature 79 degrees F, dew point 68, north by northeast wind, 12 miles per hour.

2029 weather 21 August 1948

Visibility 15 miles, temperature 77 degrees F, dew point 68, west by southwest wind, 4 miles per hour.

2129 weather 21 August 1948

Visibility 15 miles, temperature 74, degrees F, dew point 69, west by northwest wind, 7 miles per hour.

2228 weather 21 August 1948

Visibility 15 miles, temperature 74 degrees F, dew point 69, north by northwest wind, 5 miles per hour.

2328 weather 21 August 1948

Visibility 15 miles, temperature 74 degrees F, dew point 67, north by northwest wind, 8 miles per hour.

NOTE: No weather reports for 21 August 1948 were available at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE #5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

Sketch of unidentified flying object.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE #8, ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

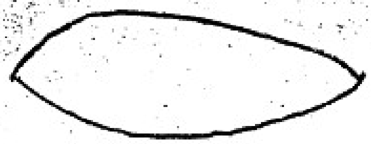
Will interview Captain [redacted] (not further identified), Eastern Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia, concerning unidentified flying object [redacted] sighted on 21 August 1948, near Montgomery, Alabama, while flying en route to Atlanta, Georgia. A report relative to this incident may also be in the Atlanta newspapers.

[redacted]

C[redacted]

The following is a sketch of the unidentified flying object observed by Mr[redacted]ontgomery, Alabama:

[illegible]



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-29 DATE 13 October 1949 REPORT MADE BY DONALD V. OWENS REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La. PERIOD 22, 30 August 1949 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, La. STATUS CLOSED
TITLE SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC On 8 August 1949, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi by Mr [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]	

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

On 8 August 1949, at 2030 hours, Mr. [redacted] County [redacted] Forrest County, Mississippi, observed from the front porch of his home at [redacted] Hattiesburg, Mississippi, an unidentified object traveling through the sky at a great rate of speed. Mr. [redacted] described the object as sphere shaped with a very soft yellowish glowing light approximately the size of a common soft ball. This object remained in sight for approximately one second and moved from sight by passing behind trees.

On 8 August 1949, at 2030 hours, Mr. [redacted]y [redacted]attiesburg, Mississippi, observed an object traveling [redacted]ross the sky at a speed which [redacted]scribed as being "faster than any jet plane I have ever seen". This object was circular in shape and tapered to an almost fine point. The entire object was luminous. The foremost portion gave off an extremely yellowish glow and the tapering end faded into a bluish color. This object remained in sight for approximately one second.

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 8 August 1949

2. Time of sighting 2030 Hours
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted: Residence - [redacted]

a. Ground

(1) City, town Hattiesburg, Mississippi

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc. In north Hattiesburg.

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. Porch of residence.

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude (Not applicable)

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

(4) Latitude and Longitude

c. Sea

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1).

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible) (Not Applicable)

5. Distance of object from observer Unknown

a. Laterally or horizontally Laterally

b. Angle of elevation from horizon Forty degrees (40°)

c. Altitude Unknown

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6. Time in sight **One (1) - Two (2) seconds.**

7. Appearance of object

   a. Color **Soft yellowish glow.**

   b. Shape (sketch if possible) **Average soft ball**

   c. Apparent construction (transludent) **Glowing**

   d. Size

      (1) Estimated size **Regulation soft ball.**

      (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object) Regulation soft ball.

8. Direction of flight **Southern.**

9. Tactics or maneuvers **None.**

   a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

10. Evidence of exhaust **None.**

    a. Color of smoke

    b. Length and width

    c. Odor (if any)

    d. Rate of evaporation

    e. Does trail very with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds **Not cloudy.**

    a. Opened path thru clouds

    b. Formed cloud or mists

    c. Reflected on cloud

    d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

    a. Reflected or attached

    b. Luminous X

    c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

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12. Support **None seen.**

    a. Wings

    b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

    c. Vertical jet

    d. Rotating cylinder or cone

    e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion **No evidence.**

    a. Propellor or jet

    b. Rotor

    c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect)

    d. Visible exhaust or jet openings **None visible**

15. Control and stability **Fast and smooth**

    a. Fine

    b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) **None seen.**

        (1) Size

        (2) Shape

        (3) Location

16. Air ducts **None seen.**

    a. Slots

    b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. **Too fast to estimate**

18. Sound **None heard.**

    a. Continuous whine or buzz

    b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

    c. Intermittent

19. Manner of disappearance

    a. Explode

        (1) Possibility of fragments

        (2) Other physical evidence

    b. Faded from view

    c. Disappeared behind obstacle X

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted]

3. Occupation [redacted]

4. Place of business County Court House, Hattiesburg, Miss.

    a. Employer or employee Forrest County, Mississippi

5. Hobbies Hunting and Fishing

    a. Time engaged in hobby (experiense)
    Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?

6. Ability to determine

    a. Color Unquestionable

    b. Speed of moving objects Unquestionable

    c. Size at distance Unknown - apparently average

7. Reliability of observer Definitely reliable.

    a. Sources

        (1) Neighbor* X
        (2) Police Dept X
        (3) FBI records
        (4) Employer

8. Notes relative to observer on

   a. Sightings in general Unquestionable

   b. How attention was drawn to object (s)

      (1) Sound
      (2) Motion
      (3) Glint of light x

9. Witnesses [redacted]

   a. Addresses [redacted]iesburg, Miss.

   b. Occupation [redacted]Hattisaburg, Miss.

   c. Reliability **Probably reliable**

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated. Moderately heavy drinker, braggort type was classified 4F during the war because of only one eye.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

   b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

[redacted]

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Essential Elements of Info
Project "SIGN"

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions **No weather station in Hattiesburg. See 1* below for surrounding towns.**
2. Winds aloft report
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other [illegible]
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
   - a. Object
   - b. Surrounding terrain where observed **Wooded area.**
   - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
   - d. Maneuvers
   - e. Formation if objects were more than two
8. Secure a signed statement **Not applicable**
9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible. **Not applicable.**
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such). **No.**

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-32

DATE 14 October 1949

REPORT MADE BY TILLUS B. JENKINS S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB

PERIOD 4, 5 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB

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TITLE
SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 2 September 1949, at
Alexandria, Louisiana,
By Mrs. [redacted]

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None. This is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

ATTENTION
[illegible] information concerning this investigation, o[illegible] information contained therein, to any person mentioned [illegible] not entitled to th[illegible] AFR 205-[illegible] dated 13 May 1949.

On 2 September 1949, at approximately 1950 hours, CST, Mrs. [redacted] while sitting in the company of her granddaughter [redacted] age eight (8) and Mrs. [redacted] on the porch of her residence at [redacted] Alexandria, Louisiana, observed, at an angle of approxi[redacted] from the horizon, a round object which she described as comparable to the "dazzling setting sun, if it should suddenly become aflame and shoot horizontally across the sky faster than lightning." The object emitted no exhaust, made no sound, was not propelled or supported by any discernable means, and remained in view "a mere instant."

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial
Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 2 September 1949

2. Time of sighting 1950 hours C.S.T.
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

   a. Ground

      (1) City, town Alexandria, Louisiana

      (2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc. 1750 Jackson Street

      (3) From building (story), yard, etc. Front porch facing east south-east

      (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude

   b. Air

      (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

      (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

      (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

      (4) Latitude and longitude

   c. Sea

      (1) Latitude and longitude

      (2) Proximity to land

      (Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1) object (Compare similarity with soap bubbles)

   a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)

5. Distance of object from observer

   a. ~~Laterally~~ horizontally

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon Approximately 35°

   c. Altitude UNESTIMATED

[redacted]

6. Time in sight "Mere instant"

7. Appearance of object

   a. Color Flame-colored, similar to miniature setting sun.

   b. Shape (sketch if possible) Either a disk or sphere-the outline was circular.

   c. Apparent construction (translucent) Solid-Not translucent

   d. Size

      (1) Estimated size Approximate size of full moon or slightly smaller than setting sun

      (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight East on compass rose-Approximately 90°

9. Tactics or maneuvers

   a. Vertical ~~ascent~~ descent/, horizontal, ~~oscillating,~~ fluttering, ~~evasive,~~ aggressive, ~~erratic, etc.~~ Very slight (about imperceptable) (as in radiation) absolute and positive flight.

10. Evidence of exhaust None

    a. Color of smoke

    b. Length and width

    c. Odor (if any)

    d. Rate of evaporation

    e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds None (cloudless night)

    a. Opened path thru clouds

    b. Formed cloud or mists

    c. Reflected on cloud

    d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights None

    a. Reflected or attached

    b. Luminous

    c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

[redacted]

12. Support NO VISIBLE MEANS

  a. Wings

  b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

  c. Vertical jet

  d. Rotating cylinder or cone

  e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion NONE OBSERVED

  a. Propellor or jet

  b. Rotor

  c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)
     (Katz Mayer effect)

  d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability No attachments of any kind observed.

  a. Fins

  b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)

    (1) Size

    (2) Shape

    (3) Location

16. Air ducts None observed

  a. Slots

  b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Supersonic-too fast for eye to follow.

18. Sound No sound whatsoever

  a. Continuous whine or buzz

  b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

  c. Intermittent

[redacted]

19. Manner of disappearance Sped beyond observer's range of vision.

   a. Explode

      (1) Possibility of fragments

      (2) Other physical evidence

   b. Faded from view

   c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]
   Born on 9 August 1880

2. Address [redacted]
   Alexandria, Louisiana

3. Occupation Retired, composer of poems, journalist, historian, columnist, genealogist, reporter, etc.

4. Place of business

   a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies

   a. Time engaged in hobby (experience)
      Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? Writer

6. Ability to determine

   a. Color Normal

   b. Speed of moving objects Normal

   c. Size at distance Normal

7. Reliability of observer

   a. Sources

      (1) Neighbor A-1
      (2) Police Dept N/R
      (3) FBI records N/R
      (4) Employer NONE

[redacted]

8. Notes relative to observer on

   a. Sightings in general Vary observant, noting details with clarity.

   b. How attention was drawn to object (s)

      (1) Sound
      (2) Motion
      (3) Glint of light

   Observer was looking, by chance, right at the section of sky in which the object appeared-feels that she would not have otherwise seen it.

9. Witnesses On back of Page 6.

   a. Addresses

   b. Occupation

   c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

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   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

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6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of
    - a. Object
    - b. Surrounding terrain where observed
    - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)
    - d. Maneuvers
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8. Secure a signed statement
9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

(OVER)

[redacted]

WITNESSES:

MRS. [redacted] downstairs
[redacted] (8) downstairs
[redacted] upstairs porch

REMARKS:

MRS. [redacted] sixty-nine (69) years of age. She has been actively employed in a variety of vacational capacities. MRS. [redacted] is currently active in Church, social and community activities, and is in the process of writing a series of poems for publication - MRS. [redacted] either has been, or is, an active member of the following organizations: Daughters of the American Revolution; United Daughters of the Confederacy; United States Daughters of 1812; Louisiana Colonials; Louisiana Historical Society; 155th Infantry Regiment; 1st Mississippi Regiment; National League of American Pen Women; National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Charter member Texas Chapter, Colonial Dames of 17th Century. [redacted]

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Alexandria, Louisiana, 2 September 1949:

1930 hrs., CST: 25,000 scattered clouds, 15 miles visibility, pressure 1014.9 mbs., Temp. 80°, dew point 68°, wind NE 7 MPH, Relative humidity 68%.

2030 hrs., CST: 25,000 scattered clouds, 15 miles visibility, pressure 1015.6 mbs., Temp. 78°, dew point 66°, wind NE 7 MPH, Relative humidity 67%.

Winds aloft at Barksdale AFB, 2100 hrs., CST, 2 September 1949.

	Degrees	Speed (Kts)		Degrees	Speed (Kts)
Surface	070	8	7000 Ft.	170	9
1000 Ft.	100	17	8000 Ft.	230	10
2000 Ft.	110	19	9000 Ft.	240	10
3000 Ft.	110	12	10000 Ft.	290	8
4000 Ft.	120	19	12000 Ft.	330	12
5000 Ft.	130	16	14000 Ft.	290	11
6000 Ft.	150	12	16000 Ft.	290	10

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	24-31
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TITLE

SIGHTING OF FLYING DISC
On 7 July 1949, At
Alexandria, Louisiana,
By Mrs. [redacted]

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

~~None. This is an initial report.~~

SYNOPSIS

On 6 September 1949, at approximately 2320 hours, [redacted] Practical Nurse, who resides at [redacted] Alexandria, Louisiana, observed, at an angle of approximately 30° from the horizon, through the windshield of the automobile in which she was a passenger, a brilliant red and orchid colored, turnip shaped object, describing at a speed faster than that of an airplane, a slightly descending flight path, wavering up and down from a west south-westerly, to a southerly direction, where it seemed to vanish behind a cloud. This phenomenon was observed from the vicinity of Mrs. [redacted] residence, and emitted no exhaust, made no sound, and was not propelled or supported by any discernable means, and remained in view approximately five (5) seconds.

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION [redacted]

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial
Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting 6 September 1949

2. Time of sighting 2320 Hours
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground

(1) City, town Alexandria, Louisiana

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc.

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. From right front seat of car, in vicinity of observer's residence, in a west south-west direction.

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft

(4) Latitude and longitude

c. Sea

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects One (1)

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible)

5. Distance of object from observer

a. Laterally or horizontally Unknown

b. Angle of elevation from horizon 30°

c. Altitude Unknown

[redacted]

c

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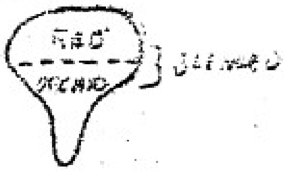
6. Time in sight Approximately five (5) seconds.

7. Appearance of object

   a. Color Red on top, blending into orchid at bottom point.

   b. Shape (sketch if possible)



   c. Apparent construction (translucent) Solid

   d. Size

      (1) Estimated size

      (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view Approximately 12" by 14"
      (Compared to known object) (about size of a serving platter)

8. Direction of flight About south 180°

9. Tactics or maneuvers

   a. Vertical ~~ascent or~~ descent, horizontal, ~~oscillating~~, described a fluttering, ~~evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.~~ slight descending path, wavering up and down, dropping suddenly behind the cloud bank lying to the south.

10. Evidence of exhaust NONE

   a. Color of smoke

   b. Length and width

   c. Odor (if any)

   d. Rate of evaporation

   e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

11. Effect on clouds

   a. Opened path thru clouds

   b. Formed cloud or mists

   c. Reflected on cloud Reflected either on or above cloud; seemed to vanish behind it.

   d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights NONE

   a. Reflected or attached

   b. Luminous

   c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

[redacted]

12. Support **None Visible**

   a. Wings

   b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

   c. Vertical jet

   d. Rotating cylinder or cone

   e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

14. Propulsion **None Visible**

   a. Propellor or jet

   b. Rotor

   c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect)

   d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability **None Visible**

   a. Fins

   b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)

      (1) Size

      (2) Shape

      (3) Location

16. Air ducts **None Visible**

   a. Slots

   b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. **Faster than an airplane**

18. Sound **None Heard**

   a. Continuous whine or buzz

   b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

   c. Intermittent

[redacted]

19. Manner of disappearance

a. Explode

(1) Possibility of fragments.

(2) Other physical evidence

b. Faded from view

c. Disappeared behind obstacle Disappeared behind cloud bank.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer MRS. [redacted]

2. Address [redacted]
Alexandria, Louisiana

3. Occupation Practical Nurse

4. Place of business

a. Employer or employee Huey P. Long Charity Hospital
Pineville, Louisiana

5. Hobbies

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) crocheting, sewing, etc.
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.?

6. Ability to determine Normal

a. Color Normal

b. Speed of moving objects Normal

c. Size at distance Normal

7. Reliability of observer

a. Sources

(1) Neighbor UNKNOWN
(2) Police Dept N/R
(3) FBI records N/R
(4) Employer UNKNOWN

[redacted]

8. Notes relative to observer on

   a. Sightings in general Refer to bottom of page.

   b. How attention was drawn to object (s): Was looking in vicinity of spot from which object appeared.

      (1) Sound NONE
      (2) Motion NONE
      (3) Glint of light NONE

9. Witnesses [redacted]

   a. Addresses [redacted] Alexandria, Louisiana

   b. Occupation Attending Alexandria Business School, Business Administration.

   c. Reliability Service man (Army) two (2) years (26 months) born 28 January 1927.

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

   b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

Notes relative to observer:

Two (2) or three (3) days after sighting the reported object, Mrs. [redacted]served a second object from her south-west bedroom window, at approximately 2400 hours, which appeared from the same vicinity of sky as the reported object. The objects were identical in description.

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though the second described a smooth arc of flight, and was obscured from sight by the window frame, having remained in view about three (3) seconds. Mrs. WOOD advised that she had not reported this object, having kept the event of the sighting to herself.

Weather: Alexandria, Louisiana. 2300 - 2400 (CST) 6 September 1949.

2330 CST: 25,000 scattered clouds, 10 miles visibility; pressure 1015.9 mbs., Temp. 75°, dew point 71°, wind ESE 5 MPH, Relative humidity 86%.

Winds aloft Barksdale AFB, 2100 CST, 6 September 1949.

	Degrees	Speed (Kts)		Degrees	Speed (Kts)
Surface	050	5	10000 Ft.	340	3
1000 Ft.	080	5	12000 Ft.	290	3
2000 Ft.	090	9	14000 Ft.	280	10
3000 Ft.	080	9	16000 Ft.	280	10
4000 Ft.	070	9	18000 Ft.	260	16
5000 Ft.	080	7	20000 Ft.	270	16
6000 Ft.	110	5	25000 Ft.	250	25
7000 Ft.	150	4	30000 Ft.	250	25
8000 Ft.	210	1	35000 Ft.	270	28
9000 Ft.	350	3	40000 Ft.	270	22
			45000 Ft.	270	33

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other [illegible]

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)

   d. Maneuvers

   e. Formation if objects were more than two

8. Secure a signed statement

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.
24-36

DATE
16 December 1949

REPORT MADE BY
TILLUS B. JENKINS

TITLE
Sighting of Flying Disc on 16 November 1949, at Oxford, Mississippi, by Messrs. [redacted]

REPORT MADE AT
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REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was ordered by the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of information from "The Jackson Daily News" and "The Commercial Appeal" to the effect that a "flying cigar" had been sighted in the vicinity of Oxford, Mississippi. Investigation, on 1 December 1949, revealed that on 16 November 1949, between the hours of 0915 and 0945, Messrs. [redacted] all of Oxford, Mississippi, had sighted an object approximately one to two hundred feet (100-200') in the sky which they described as being a whitish-gray, cloud-like substance formed in a cylindrical shape approximately two to three feet (2-3') in diameter and forty-to fifty feet (40-50') in length. This object did not appear to be a man-made device or constructed of a material substance and was described as a freak of atmospheric conditions that had never been sighted in this vicinity before.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was ordered by the District Commander, 9th OSI District, upon receipt of quotations from "The Jackson Daily News", Jackson, Mississippi, dated 16 November 1949, and "The Commercial Appeal", Oxford, Mississippi, dated 16 November 1949, (Copies of which are attached to this report as inclosures), to the effect that Messrs [redacted]OFFEY, Mr. [redacted] and M[redacted]R, all of Oxford, Mi[redacted]ssippi, had observed a [redacted] shaped aerial phenomenon in the area of Oxford, Mississippi, at approximately 0930 hours on 16 November 1949.

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI:

2. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM E. BAKER.

3. Mr. [redacted]Y, general store clerk at the Alex Coffey Store, Oxford, Mississippi, stated, during an interview on 1 December 1949, that at approximately 0930 hours on 16 November 1949, [redacted] accompanied by his brother [redacted], rushed in and told him ([redacted]) to observe "the thing" which was passing by in front of [redacted] store. About five hundred feet (500') to the front and approximately sixty feet (60') in the air from the store was a whitish-gray cloud-like substance formed in a cylindrical shape approximately two feet (2') in diameter and tapered on one (1) end. This object was moving about thirty to forty (30-40) miles per hour in a compass direction of approximately eighty degrees (80°). This object was situated perpendicular to the observers and its ends pointed to a north-south direction, respectively, though it moved in an easterly direction and seemed to be slightly ascending. It seemed to [redacted] that the tapered south end fluttered slightly. The object maintained its shape and stayed within sight for a period of approximately ten (10) minutes. [redacted] stated that the day was crisp and chilly and that the sun was shining in a cloudless sky. [redacted] further stated that he has lived in this part of the country the greater part of his life and this is the first (1st) time he has ever seen anything of this nature. It was [redacted] opinion that this object was a freak of atmospheric conditions which he could not explain[redacted] nothing at any time which would lead him to believe the object would be a man-made device or constructed of a material substance.

4. Mr. [redacted], Dairyman, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 1 [redacted] the morning of 16 November 1949, between the hours of 0915 and 0945, he and his broth[redacted] were traveling by truck on Highway No. 6 toward Oxford, Mi[redacted]ssippi, when, at a point approximately eight (8) miles west of Oxford, they sighted an odd looking cloud-like mass to the right of the highway moving with them in a due east direction.

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The [redacted] were proceeding at a speed of approximately thirty-five (35) miles per hour when they observed this phenomenon and immediately accelerated to approximately sixty-five or seventy-five (65 or 75) miles per hour in an attempt to keep pace with the object. According to [redacted] the object was two or three hundred (200 or 300) yards south of Highway No. 6 and was moving east at an estimated speed of two to three hundred (200 to 300) miles per hour. When observed, the object appeared to be at an altitude of one to two hundred (100 to 200) feet, maintaining a straight course but appeared to be steadily climbing. [redacted] stated that it appeared to consist of a vapor-like substance of a grayish-white color, about three feet (3') in diameter and forty-to fifty feet (40 to 50') long. The object was perpendicular to the highway and a flapping effect was noticed near the south end of the cigar-like object. [redacted] first noticed the object as a shiny streak which he described as "something like the sun shining on a wire", but stated that he did not see this affect after the object left them. Neither [redacted] nor his brother heard any sound above the noise of the truck motor and estimated that it took the object about fifteen (15) minutes to fade from view. [redacted] stated that he and his brother stopped at the [redacted] Store in order to get someone else to verify their observations. Neither of the [redacted] brothers had ever seen anything similar to this object before.

5. Mr [redacted]s, University of Mississippi, stated, during an interview on 1 December 1949, that while in the office of the "Oxford Eagle", local newspaper, he heard the news regarding the "flying cigar". [redacted] immediately drove out from Oxford on Highway 6 toward Pontotoc, Mississippi, and first sighted the object approximately four (4) miles out of Oxford. The object appeared to be a gaseous formation in the shape of a cigar and was on the north side of Highway 6 at an estimated altitude of one-half (1/2) mile and was progressing in an easterly direction. [redacted] stated that he could not estimate the speed being maintained by the object and that at no time did he observe anything of a material construction. [redacted] stated that the object simply looked like a freak cloud which was holding together and traveling with a strong wind. [redacted] maintains no opinions as to exactly what the object was and stated that he had never seen anything like it before.

INCLOSURES: CLOSED

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting **18 November 1949**

2. Time of sighting **0930 Hours, CST**
   (Zonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

   a. Ground

   (1) City, town **Oxford, Miss.**

   (2) Distance and direction from city or town, **6½ Miles W of** road, intersection, etc. **Oxford on Highway 6**

   (3) From building (story), yard, etc. **500 ft. in front, 60 ft. from ground.**

   (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude **Unknown**

   b. Air

   (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight

   (2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark

   (3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft **Not applicable**

   (4) Latitude and longitude **Unknown**

   c. Sea **Not applicable**

   (1) Latitude and longitude

   (2) Proximity to land

   (Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects **One (1)**

   a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible) **Cylindrical**

5. Distance of object from observer **500 ft.**

   a. Laterally or horizontally **Laterally**

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon **15° to 20°**

   c. Altitude **Approximately 60 ft.**

[redacted]

6. Time in sight Approximately 10 Minutes

7. Appearance of object

    a. Color Whitish - Gray

    b. Shape (sketch if possible)

    c. Apparent construction (translucent) Clouds or Fog (Gaseous)

    d. Size

        (1) Estimated size 2 ft. Diameter

        (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight 80°

9. Tactics or maneuvers None

    a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Slightly ascending, moved south and appeared to be fluttering slightly.

10. Evidence of exhaust

    a. Color of smoke Whitish Gray

    b. Length and width Unknown

    c. Odor (if any) None

    d. Rate of evaporation None Noticed.

    e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) No.

11. Effect on clouds No Clouds in sky.

    a. Opened path thru clouds

    b. Formed cloud or mists

    c. Reflected on cloud

    d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

    a. Reflected or attached Dull reflection, as sun often shines through

    b. Luminous

    c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

[redacted]

12. Support

a. Wings No

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage No

c. Vertical jet None noticed.

d. Rotating cylinder or cone No.

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) No.

14. Propulsion

a. Propellor or jet None Noticed.

b. Rotor None Noticed.

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

15. Control and stability None noticed

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None Noticed

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts None Noticed.

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Approximately 30 MPH

18. Sound None

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

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Essential Elements of In[redacted]
Project "SIGN"

19. Manner of disappearance

   a. Explode **No**

      (1) Possibility of fragments

      (2) Other physical evidence

   b. Faded from view **Yes**

   c. Disappeared behind obstacle **Behind Hill.**

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address **Route 2, Oxford, Mississippi**

3. Occupation **Retired Postal Employee.**

4. Place of business **Same as above address**

   a. Employer or employee

5. Hobbies **Fishing**

   a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) **All his life.**
   Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? **No.**

6. Ability to determine

   a. Color **Not blind.**

   b. Speed of moving objects **Average**

   c. Size at distance **Average for age.**

7. Reliability of observer

   a. Sources

      (1) Neighbor
      (2) Police Dept
      (3) FBI records
      (4) Employer

8. Notes relative to observer on

   a. Sightings in general **Object not seen before.**

   b. How attention was drawn to object (s). **By Motorists.**

      (1) Sound **No**
      (2) Motion **No**
      (3) Glint of light **No**

9. Witnesses [redacted]

   a. Addresses **Highway 6**

   b. Occupation **Farmers**

   c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target .

   b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

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If airborne when object sighted

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc,

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed, (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

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7. Obtain photographs (or original . negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed

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   d. Maneuvers

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10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

(Re Sighting(s) of Unidentified Aerial
Object (s)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting **16 November 1949**

2. Time of sighting **0915 - 0945, CST**
(Sonal by 24 hr clock)

3. Where sighted:

a. Ground

(1) City, town **Oxford, Mississippi**

(2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc. **6 Miles West of Oxford, Miss., on Highway**

(3) From building (story), yard, etc. **In truck going West, 35 MPH**

(4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude **Unknown**

b. Air

(1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight **Not applicable**

(2) Distance and direction from city, town or known landmark **Not applicable**

(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft **Not applicable**

(4) Latitude and longitude **Not applicable**

c. Sea **Not applicable**

(1) Latitude and longitude

(2) Proximity to land

(Name city, country, etc.)

4. Number of objects **One**

a. Formation type (if any) (Sketch if possible) **None.**

5. Distance of object from observer **About 200 - 300 Yards.**

a. Laterally or horizontally **Laterally**

b. Angle of elevation from horizon **About 10° - 20°**

c. Altitude **200 - 300 ft. when first sighted.**

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6. Time in sight **Fifteen (15) minutes.**

7. Appearance of object

  a. Color **Grayish - White, appeared to be vapor.**

  b. Shape (sketch if possible) **Cylindrical, tapered at the rear.**

  c. Apparent construction (translucent) **Cloudish.**

  d. Size **Radius of approximately three ft.**

    (1) Estimated size **About forty - fifty feet long**

    (2) Size as it appeared from observer's view (Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight **90°**

9. Tactics or maneuvers **Kept on a straight course**

  a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. **Appeared to be on a steady climb.**

10. Evidence of exhaust

  a. Color of smoke **None noticed.**

  b. Length and width **None noticed.**

  c. Odor (if any) **None noticed.**

  d. Rate of evaporation **None noticed.**

  e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) **None noticed.**

11. Effect on clouds

  a. Opened path thru clouds

  b. Formed cloud or mists

  c. Reflected on cloud

  d. Shown thru cloud

12. Lights

  a. Reflected or attached **Saw something shining like sun on a bare wire or power line.**

  b. Luminous

  c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed **Didn't see shiny substance after vapor went ahead.**

[redacted]

12. Support

a. Wings None

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage None

c. Vertical jet None

d. Rotating cylinder or cone Not Known.

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) Unknown

14. Propulsion

a. Propellor or jet Unknown.

b. Rotor Unknown

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Kats Mayer effect) Slight flapping effect noticed at tail.

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings Unknown

15. Control and stability Not noticed.

a. Fine

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical)

(1) Size

(2) Shape

(3) Location

16. Air ducts Not noticed.

a. Slots

b. Duct openings

17. Speed - M.P.H. Estimated 200 MPH

18. Sound Couldn't hear any sound above motor of truck.

a. Continuous whine or buzz

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh

c. Intermittent

[redacted]

19. Manner of disappearance

    a. Explode

        (1) Possibility of fragments

        (2) Other physical evidence

    b. Faded from view **Yes, parallel to Highway E.**

    c. Disappeared behind obstacle

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]
   Age 34,
2. Address [redacted] Oxford, Mississippi

3. Occupation **Dairyman**

4. Place of business **Home and farm**

    a. Employer ~~or employes.~~

5. Hobbies **Hunting**

    a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) **23 Yrs - 23 Yrs.**
       Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc.? None

6. Ability to determine

    a. Color **Average**

    b. Speed of moving objects **Average**

    c. Size at distance **Average**

7. Reliability of observer

    a. Sources

        (1) Neighbor
        (2) Police Dept
        (3) FBI records
        (4) Employer

[redacted]

8. Notes relative to observer on

   a. Sightings in general

   b. How attention was drawn to object (s)

      (1) Sound
      (2) Motion
      (3) Glint of light

9. Witnesses

   a. Addresses

   b. Occupation

   c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars how operating on ground

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

   b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into separation of a distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible.

If airborne when object sighted

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

[redacted]

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report **About 20 MPH from south.**

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other [illegible].

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc.

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened)

   d. Maneuvers

   e. Formation if objects were more than two

8. Secure a signed statement

9. Obtain fragments of physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

[redacted]

The following article which is quoted verbatim from the Jackson Daily News, Jackson, Mississippi, 16 November 1949, is forwarded for your information:

"FLYING SAUCER SEEN NEAR OLE MISS. CAMPUS - Oxford - A storekeeper, three farmers and a housewife Wednesday reported seeing a so-called flying saucer between here and Batesville about 9:15 a.m.

Alex Coffey, owner of a general store six miles west of here on the Batesville highway, said the object passed about 500 yards from his store at an altitude of about 200 feet.

Others who said they saw it were J. J. and James A. Brite, Carl Flanagin, and Mrs. Ruth Gilmer.

Coffey quoted the Brite brothers as saying their truck kept up with the southeast bound gadget as long as its course paralleled the highway. They were traveling about 30 miles an hour, they told the store owner.

If it continued in that direction the object passed just south of the University of Mississippi campus.

'It looked like a beam of light that stayed level all the time', Coffey said, 'appeared to be giving off phosphorus or something similar.'

All five agree the object was cylindrical, between 30 and 50 feet long, and reflected a white light.

It was a clear, bright day.

'It was the only thing in the sky,' J. J. Brite reported. 'I used to think those stories I read about people seeing flying saucers came from drunks,' he added. 'I know different now'."

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FIVE FOLKS SEE
A FLYING CIGAR
IN DAYLIGHT SKY

Special to The Commercial Appeal

OXFORD, Miss., Nov. 16 -- It may have been a flying saucer, but five persons' descriptions made it appear more like a flying cigar Wednesday morning west of Oxford.

James A. Brite, whose farm is about 10 miles west of here, reported he first spotted a long, cylindrical object sailing in a southeasterly direction about 9:15 a.m.

Describing it as about 40 to 50 feet long, Mr. Brite said "It first looked like vapor from an airplane. Then it looked like a snake in the water."

Alex Coffey, whose store is six miles west of Oxford on Highway 6, called it a "beam of light, that stayed level all the time." Its color was like aluminum and it gave off a phosphorus-like effect, he added.

The object was about 500 yards south of the highway, Mr. Coffey recalled, and it kept moving at a steady pace on an even keel. He said Mr. Brite had followed it along the road in his truck, and estimated the object's speed at 30 miles an hour. Wednesday morning's sky was cloudless west of Oxford with continuous, bright sunshine.

"I used to think people were drunk when they talked about flying saucers," Mr. Brite commented, "but I know I hadn't had anything when I saw this one."

Others corroborating the story were his brother, J. J. Brite, Carl Flanagin and Mrs. Ruth Gilmer.

Dean Lee H. Johnson Jr. of the University of Mississippi School of Engineering said that to travel at the same level such an object would have to be jet-propelled from the bottom, be about the same weight as air, or have some hird of wings or vanes.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.
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TITLE
UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighting of "Flying Cigar" on
18 November 1949 at Biloxi,
Mississippi, by [redacted]

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report.

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SYNOPSIS

A flying object of unusual nature was observed 18 November 1949 at 1000 hours due south of the Biloxi Veterans Hospital, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi, by Chief Guard [redacted]

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated upon receipt of letter, 9th OSI District, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, File 24-41, dated 9 December 1949.

AT BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI:

2. An unidentified aerial object was observed 18 November 1949, at 1000 hours directly south ~~of the Biloxi~~ Veterans Hospital, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi, by Chief Guard JAMES CICERO RICE and Guards ELMER A. STEVENS and ~~ALVA P. ST.~~ JOHN, according to information received during interviews with aforementioned persons on 15 December 1949. Guard ST. JOHN first sighted the object while on duty at the Hospital Main Gate and notified his superior, Chief Guard RICE. At this first appearance, the object was approximately over Ship Island, which lies off the Biloxi coast about ten (10) miles to the south. There was only one (1) object. At the distance of ten (10) miles, the altitude of this object appeared to be between 2500 and 3000 feet. The object remained in sight for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes. It was white and reflected the sunlight. The shape was similar to a cigar. Nothing could be determined as to the type of construction. Chief Guard JAMES C. RICE stated that, using similar type planes and aerial objects as a guide, the size of the object appeared to be approximately two hundred feet (200') in length and a proportionate diameter to that of a cigar of that size. The line of flight was from New Orleans, La., to Mobile, Alabama. It maintained a steady flight with no change of altitude while in the view of these observers. There was apparently no exhaust or any engine sound. The day was clear and no clouds were viewed near this object. Being daylight at the time the object was sighted, no lights of any type were observed in connection with the object. No wings or normal control surfaces were observed. The method of propulsion could not be determined as there was no sound of any power or any visible evidence of engine and exhaust. Control and stability was apparently excellent, however, the method of control could not be determined. The speed was approximately fifty (50) miles per hour and this object was completely silent in its passage through the air. It finally passed from sight behind the trees surrounding the area from which the object was observed, after having remained within view for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

3. Observers, Chief Guard JAMES C. RICE and Guards ALVA P. ST. JOHN and ELMER A. STEVENS, are employed by the Biloxi Veterans Hospital, Pass Road, Biloxi, Mississippi. All of these men, in connection with their assigned duties, are trained to observe and report unusual incidents. The Executive Officer of the Veterans Hospital, Mr. ELSWORT J. SACKS, was interviewed regarding the reliability of these observers and stated that, in his opinion, they were entirely reliable personnel, that all had been employed

[redacted]

at the hospital for several years with no bad marks of any kind on their records. According to the personnel records of these men, they had all passed their physical examinations without any trouble and, while two (2) of the men, RICE and ST. JOHN, wear reading glasses, they have no difficulty in determining true color and both drive automobiles. Their estimate of speed of moving objects and size at a distance appears reliable to the average degree. This Agent has known Chief Guard JAMES C. RICE for approximately two (2) years and considers him to be an entirely reliable person who has a responsible position at the local Veterans Hospital. Mr. RICE is charged with the responsibility of Ground Safety and Fire Prevention and Control in addition to his duties as Chief Guard at this facility. Mr. RICE has vouched for the reliability of his two (2) men, ALVA P. ST. JOHN and ELMER A. STEVENS. On the day that this observation was made, the weather was clear. Two (2) of the observers are familiar with the derigible type aircraft, having in their lifetime observed Air Force equipment of most types. They positively state that this object was not an aircraft of such nature. There was no projection on the underside of the cigar-shaped object which would indicate a cabin or other such space. The object was even in contour throughout its length according to Mr. RICE.

INCLOSURES:

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO:

Two (2) copies "Essential Elements of Information".

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED AT RACELAND, LOUISIANA, 18 November 1949, by Mr E.N. FOLSE

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

NONE. This is an initial Report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 9th OSI District (IG), Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. Investigation failed to establish the identity of unconventional aircraft sighted at Raceland, Louisiana, on 18 November 1949, by [redacted] and four other witnesses.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 9th OSI District (IG), Barksdale AFB, La., upon receipt of clipping from the Times-Picayune newspaper, New Orleans, La., indicating that Mr [redacted] had sighted an unconventional aircraft in the vicinity of Raceland, La., on 18 November 1949.

AT RACELAND, LOUISIANA:

2. Mr [redacted] a retired insurance agent of Raceland, La., advised during an interview that at approximately 0930 hours, 18 November 1949, he had observed an object in the skies from a point approximately one mile south of Raceland, La. The "Essential Elements of Information" obtained from Mr [redacted] are included in Paragraph #3.

3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION:

a. Date of sighting: Friday, 18 November 1949
b. Time of sighting: 0930 hours
c. Where sighted: The object was sighted in the air from a point on the ground approximately one (1) mile south of Raceland, Louisiana.
d. Number of objects: One (1)
e. Distance of object from observer: Observer was unable to determine or estimate, due to lack of experience in such matters
    (1) Angle of elevation from horizon: Observer unable to determine or estimate due to lack of experience in such matters
f. Time in sight: Approximately thirty (30) minutes
g. Appearance of object:
    (1) Color: Shiny, aluminum type appearance
    (2) Shape: Similar to fuselage of aircraft, without protruding appendages of any type. (See attached sketch, labeled Exhibit "A".) Observer insisted object was not a blimp or dirigible.
    (3) Apparent construction: Unable to establish though appeared to be similar to aircraft.
    (4) Size: Estimated larger than large cargo type aircraft.
h. Direction of flight: Southwest when first observed, executed 90 degree turn to Northwest, then another 90 degree turn to Northeast and proceeded in that direction until disappearance.
i. Tactics or maneuvers: Object proceeded on level plane except when executing turning maneuver. Tail section seemed to be split when object entered turning maneuver. (See attached sketch.)
j. Evidence of exhaust: No exhaust was observed.
k. Effect on clouds: No clouds were in the area at the time of sighting.
l. Lights: No lights were visible. Object was observed in daylight hours.
m. Support: No wings or any other type of support were discernible.

[redacted]

n. Propulsion: Observer was unable to determine the type of propulsion.
o. Control and stability: Control apparently very good. No stabilizers could be observed.
p. Air ducts: No ducts were observed.
q. Speed: Estimated same as large plane.
r. Sound: No sound was heard.
s. Manner of disappearance: Faded from view gradually in distance as object proceeded from the area.

4. The following background information was obtained concerning the observer, Mr E.N. FOLSE:

a. Name: [redacted]
b. Address: Raceland, Louisiana
c. Occupation: Retired insurance agent
d. Place of business: Formerly Raceland, Louisiana
e. Pertinent hobbies: None
f. Ability to determine: Observer's sight, hearing and intelligence appeared to be above average, indicating no reason to question his ability to determine.
g. Reliability of observer: Mr [redacted] maturity, intelligence, and community standing indicated no reason to question his reliability.
h. Notes relative to observer: Mr [redacted] attention was drawn to the object when he walked from his residence and casually glanced to the sky. He then called the attention of the other witnesses.
i. Witnesses: Mrs [redacted] Housewife, Raceland, La
Miss [redacted]tist, Raceland, La
Mr [redacted]ttorney, Raceland, La
Mr [redacted] Grocery Clark, Raceland, La

5. Interview with the four witnesses listed above substantiated the information given by Mr [redacted] The witnesses could furnish no additional information. To the interviewing agent, the witnesses appeared to be stable, reliable persons.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

6. The reporting agent contacted the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Moisant International Airport, New Orleans, La. This agency advised that its records indicated no aircraft of any type maneuvering in the vicinity of Raceland, La., on 13 November 1949. These records further indicated that on 13 November 1949, the visibility of the air in the vicinity of Raceland, La., was fifteen (15) miles and the ceiling was unlimited.

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INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND:

Sketch of object observed over Raceland, Louisiana, on 18 November 1949, by Mr [redacted], and other witnesses. This sketch shows object as observed in level flight and also as observed entering turning maneuver.

FOR HQ. OSI:

Sketch of object observed over Raceland, Louisiana, on 18 November 1949, by Mr [redacted] and other witnesses. This sketch shows object as observed in level flight and also as observed entering turning maneuver.

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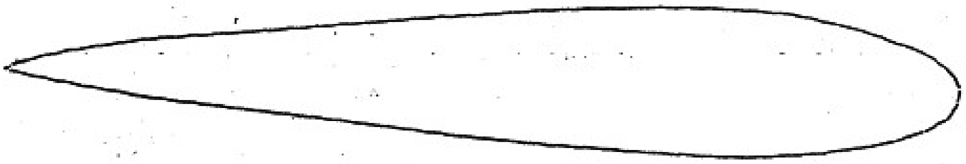
SKETCHES DRAWN FROM ROUGH DRAWING BY MISS [redacted], ARTIST AND WITNESS, AND FROM DESCRIPTIONS BY OTHER WITNESSES



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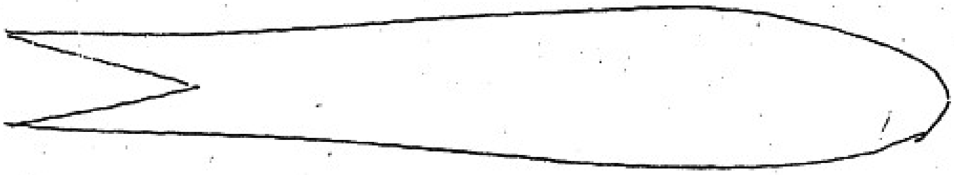

OBJECT AS OBSERVED ENTERING TURNING MANEUVER

Exhibit "A"

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

21 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 16 March 1950, the Baton Rouge, Louisiana newspaper, the Morning Advocate, reported that a resident of Baton Rouge, claimed to have sighted five (5) "flying saucers." C-6

2. DETAILS: The following news item is quoted from the 16 March 1950 edition of the Morning Advocate, a newspaper of Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

> "Flying saucers" have come back to Baton Rouge, and this time in formations of five.
>
> Donald Allen of 925 Louisiana Ave., reported last night that he saw five eliptically or circular shaped objects traveling at a high rate of speed in a southeasterly direction. He said the saucers appeared to be white or aluminum colored and were in sight for about 10 seconds. He said they were flying in formation.

3. ACTION: No action contemplated by the District Commander, 9th District OSI (IG).

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

16 May 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Information received from G-2, 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, revealed that on 10 April 1950 Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Sr., [redacted] Street, New Orleans, La., Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, La., and Mr. J. [redacted] New Orleans, La., reported the sighting of an unconventional aircraft over New Orleans, La., at 2005 hours, between 2000 and 2015 hours, and 2002 hours, respectively.

2. DETAILS: Report reflected that observers sighted the unconventional aircraft from their respective residences at approximately the same hour on 10 April 1950. All individuals were interviewed by CIC Agents and reports of each interview are attached to this report as Inclosures 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

3. ACTION: No action taken by the 9th District OSI.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

4 Incls
1. Interview with Mr. [redacted], Sr (in dup)
2. Interview with Mrs. [redacted] dup)
3. Interview with Mr. [redacted] (in dup)
4. Map of New Orleans, La.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE 17 April 1950

PREPARING OFFICE 112th CIC Detachment, Headquarters Fourth Army

SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MR. AND MRS. [redacted]
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 11 April 1950, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed after stating they had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of Interview: 11 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): 2005 hours by radio time. (Observer checked time by radio).

3. Place of observation: [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana

4. Position of observer: Sitting in chair, on front porch of residence.

5. What attracted attention to object. Happened to be gazing at sky. Approximately thirty (30) minutes before object appeared stars dimmed; and observers remarked to each other that it looked as though it might cloud up and rain.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (Sketch attached).

7. Apparent size: Approximately twenty-four (24) inches in diameter. Approximately twice the size of a basket ball.

8. Color of object: Firey, greenish purple.

9. Shape: Egg shape.

10. Altitude: Eighty (80) degrees.

11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Altitude appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet and appeared to be approximately three (3) city blocks away, moving in line with Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

13. Direction of flight of object: West to east. First saw at 360 degrees north, last saw at 60 degrees northeast, moving in straight line horizontally across the sky.

14. Time in sight: Ten (10) to twelve (12) seconds.

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SUBJECT
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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

15. Speed: Between 600 and 800 miles per hour.

16. Sound and odor: Buzzing sound that resembled that of an exhaust of a large engine. No odor.

17. Trail: Trail was gold, silvered, and firey red that resembled the trail of a toy rocket used for celebrations. Width was same as object and tapered away from object to almost a point. Trail was in straight line with object and appeared to be approximately 100 feet in length.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Judged to have disappeared into the clouds. Disappeared suddenly like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observers, approximately thirty (30) minutes before object was sighted, the stars were not as bright as usual; the weather was fair but dark, no moon was observed.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observers: Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Mr. [redacted] is a former United States Deputy Marshal (retired). Mr. [redacted] was wearing ordinary reading glasses. Mrs. [redacted] was not wearing glasses. Their age is judged to be approximately seventy (70). Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were in the open on sighting the object and there was nothing to impair their vision, with the exception of the glasses worn by Mr. [redacted]. The hearing of both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] is thought to be slightly impaired.

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SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MRS. [redacted]
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 12 April 1950, Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that she had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of Interview: 12 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): Between 2000 and 2015 hours.

3. Place of observation: [redacted] approximately 3[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Walking northeast on sidewalk.

5. What attracted attention to object: Was looking at the sky when object appeared.

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6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (See sketch of object).

7. Apparent size: Approximately the size of a salad bowl. (Observer is near-sighted; therefore, may not have observed object size as it appeared to other persons. She indicated that she did not usually observe objects, concerning their size, as other persons would, as objects in the sky usually appeared smaller to her than their actual appearance).

8. Color of object: Firey yellow, almost white.

9. Shape: Completely round. Appeared to be in shape of ball.

10. Altitude: Between sixty (60) degrees and seventy (70) degrees. Approximately 2,000 feet high.

11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Altitude appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet, and the object appeared to be approximately three (3) blocks away, moving in line with Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

13. Direction of flight of object: West to east, in a straight line horizintally across the sky. First saw object at approximately 360 degrees north, and last saw object at approximately twenty-five (25) degrees northeast.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MRS. [redacted]
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

14. Time in sight: Approximately twenty (20) seconds.

15. Speed: Faster than any plane she has ever seen in the sky. (She has never observed a jet plane in flight).

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Trail was approximately twenty-five (25) times longer than object. The trail appeared to be a dotted line spaced evenly. Trail was in a direct line with object and appeared to be approximately one-fourth (1/4) as wide. Color of trail was bright yellow, the same color as object but not as bright.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared suddenly, like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; clear; observed no moon, stars or clouds.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. L[redacted] McFadden Home, school for boys, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr

Occupation and hobbies: Principal, McFadden Home, school for boys, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Did observer wear glasses: Mrs. [redacted] wearing ordinary reading glasses. She was with her young son at the time of observation, and both she and her son observed the object at the same time. There was nothing between observers and object that would have impaired their visions.

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SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
MR. [redacted]
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 11 April 1950, Mr. [redacted] Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 10 April 1950. Date of interview: 11 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): Approximately 2002 hours.

3. Place of observation: [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Position of observer: Standing on balcony of residence, on second floor.

5. What attracted attention to object: Bright spot in sky.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1). (Sketch of object attached).

7. Apparent size: Approximately size of fist.

8. Color of object: White, resembling a white flare, or white egg-shaped ball of fire.

9. Shape: Egg shape.

10. Altitude: Approximately eighty (80) degrees. The North Star appeared to be over its center.

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11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Appeared to be a great distance. (Actual distance could not be judged).

13. Direction of flight of object: Moving from west to east in a straight line horizontally across the sky. First saw object 315 degrees northwest, and last saw it thirty (30) degrees northeast.

14. Time in sight: Approximately seven (7) seconds.

15. Speed: Approximately that of a jet plane.

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SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
Mr. [redacted]
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: Vivid red sparks; could not judge length but noted it to be tremendously long. The width of the trail appeared to be that of the object. Looked like trail left by toy rocket used for celebrations.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: None.

21. Manner of disappearance: Got very bright, then changed to normal brightness and disappeared like turning off an electric light.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; stars in sky; no clouds observed; and no moon observed, making it a dark night.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 1930 hours, on the night of 10 April 1950, the wind was blowing south to southeast at eight (8) miles per hour; sky was clear; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Mr. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Photographer. (Has photography business at 616 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Did observer wear glasses: The observer is a person approximately thirty-five (35) years of age, wore no glasses and viewed the object in the open. There was nothing between observer and object that would have impaired his vision.

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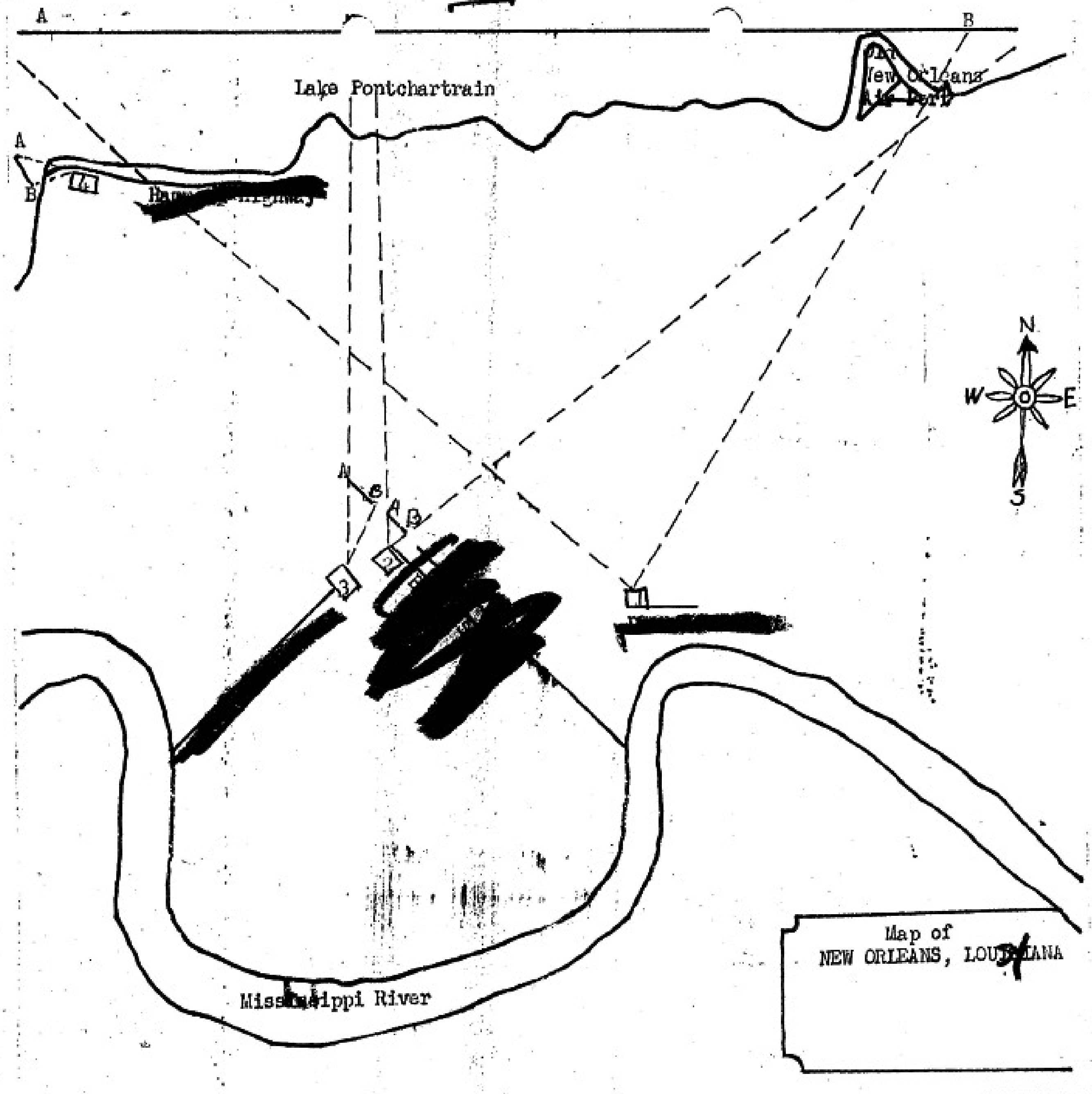
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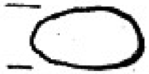

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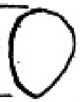

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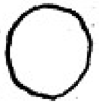

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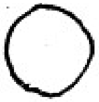

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Office of Special Investigations

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Information received from G-2, 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, revealed that on 12 April 1950 Mr. [redacted] [redacted]t, New Orleans, La., reported the sighting of an unconventional aircraft over New Orleans, La., at approximately 2330 hours.

2. DETAILS: Report reflected that [redacted] sighted the unconventional aircraft from his residence at approximately 2330 hours on 12 April 1950. Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by a CIC Agent on 12 April 1950. Copy of report of interview is attached hereto as Inclosure No. 1.

3. ACTION: No action taken by the 9th District OSI.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1. Interview with Mr. [redacted]
2. Map of New Orleans, La.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY:
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 13 April 1950, Mr. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after stating that he had sighted an unidentified aerial object, and the following description was given:

1. Date of observation: 12 April 1950. Date of Interview: 12 April 1950.

2. Exact time of observation (local): Approximately 2330 hours.

3. Place of observation: [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana. (Mr. [redacted] residence, the place of observation, is located directly behind the levee of Lake Pontchartrain).

4. Position of observer: Viewed through screen of open window of residence at 123 Choctaw Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. (Hammond road).

5. What attracted attention to object: Mr [redacted] was lying in bed and had just dozed off when he was awakened by his wife who saw the object first and drew his attention to it.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation of grouping: One (1). (See sketch of object).

7. Apparent size: Approximately three (3) feet in diameter.

8. Color of object: Dark orange or red. Looked like a sunset over water.

9. Shape: Completely round. Appeared to be shaped like a ball.

10. Altitude: Approximately 300 feet. Mr. [redacted] observed the object to be at a thirty (30) degree angle.

11. Direction from observer: Northwest.

12. Distance from observer: Approximately two (2) miles.

13. Direction of flight of object: Moving from north to south. First saw at 275 degrees northwest. Last saw object at 260 degrees southwest.

14. Time in sight: Approximately ten (10) seconds.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

15. Speed: Approximately the speed of an airplane landing.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None.

18. Luminosity: None.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Sailing steadily toward shore of Lake Pontchartrain, gradually losing altitude until it landed. After landing, it appeared to hesitate a second or two and vainly tried to rise, lifting itself a little distance, then falling back to earth (or water), hesitated another second and tried to rise again. It fell again and seemed to more or roll a short distance and come to a standstill.

21. Manner of disappearance: There was a faint reflection, appearing as though from behind the levee, and then all went dark.

22. Effect on clouds: None.

23. Additional information concerning object: M[redacted]K, after seeing the object, traveled approximately four (4) miles up the lakeshore in an automobile trying to locate the object. At no time during the time Mr.[redacted]observed the object did it lose shape or color. Observer is of the opinion that the object may have been made of plastic and in the shape of a balloon as the color was very uniform and the object appeared to be a perfect ball of orange or red, with no glare of light emanating from it.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: As appeared to observer - fair; clear; no moon observed; no wind; lots of stars; no clouds.

According to the United States Weather Bureau, at 2330 hours, on the night of 12 April 1950, the wind was blowing west four (4) miles per hour; sky was thinly overcast; lower broken clouds at 9000 feet; visibility was ten (10) miles.

25. Name and address of observer: Mr. Harold[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana ([redacted] Mr.[redacted] wife observed the object also, and her observation of the object was the same as that of Mr.[redacted]

Occupation and hobbies: [redacted] Sewerage and Water Board, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Did observer wear glasses: Both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] usually wear ordinary reading glasses, but were not wearing glasses during their observation of the object. Mr. [redacted] stated that last fall (1949) he was lying in bed gazing out of the same window from which he observed the object on the night of 12 April 1950, and noticed what he first thought was a light from a plane flying at an altitude of approximately 1500 feet. He remembered that lights on planes go on and off. Since the light he saw was continuous, he did not believe the object to be the light of a plane. He watched the object until it went out of sight. No report was made of that object by Mr. [redacted]

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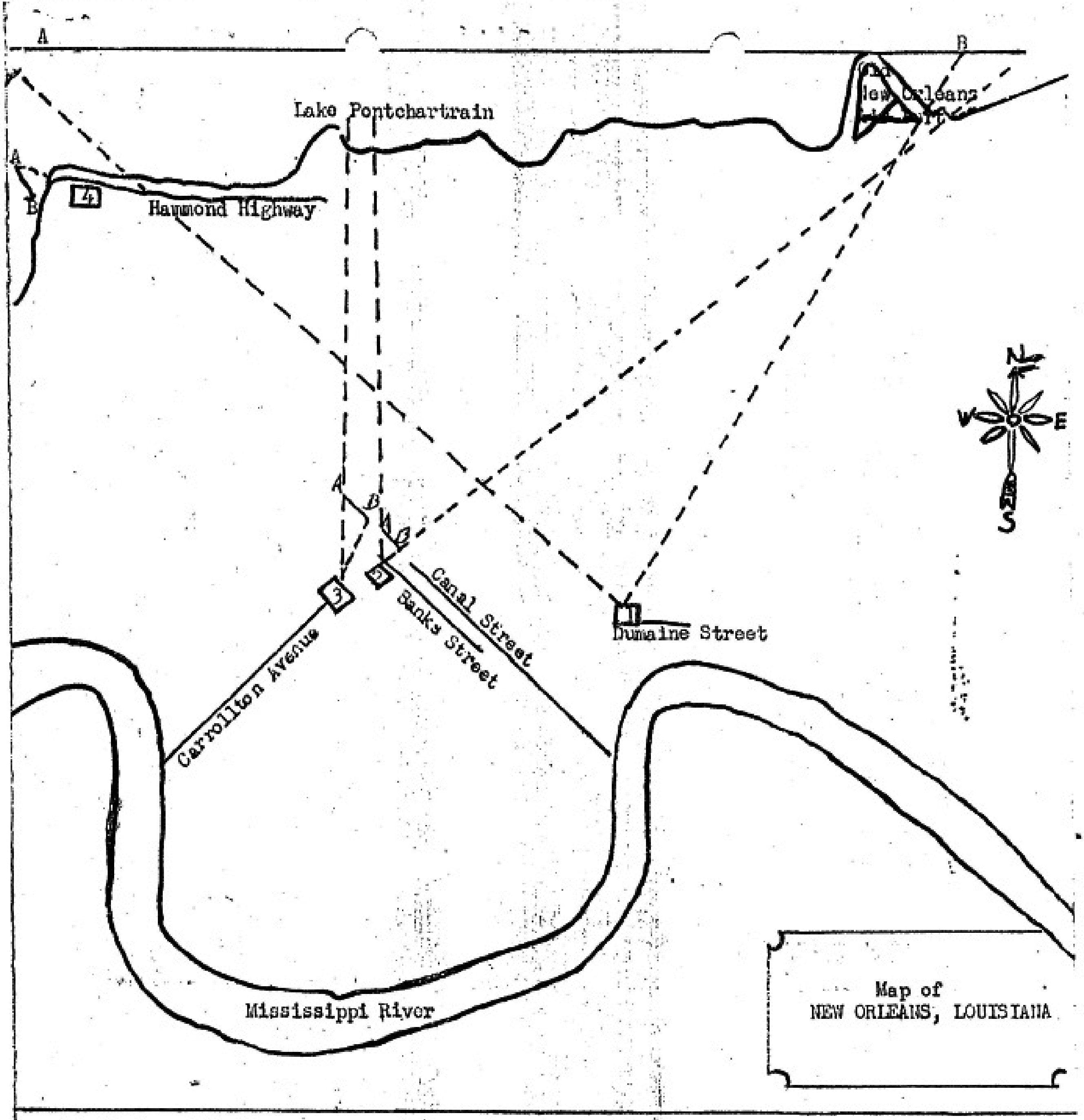
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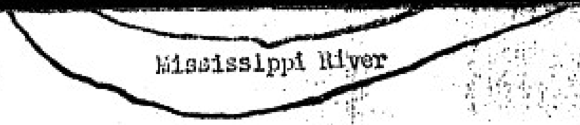

Map of
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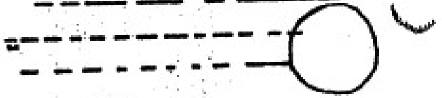
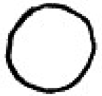
Shape and appearance of Object to 3 = 

Shape and appearance of Object to 4 - 

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Counter Intelligence Div, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
7 November 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Louisiana are, briefly, as follows:

a. A simultaneous sighting by father and son, residents of New Orleans, on 10 October 1950, of a noiseless, bright object at a great altitude.

b. Twelve (12) bright, round, diving and spinning objects seen from a window in New Orleans, on 10 or 11 October 1950.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, in a special report from Jonesville, described hovering objects seen by members of a farmer's family on 5 November 1950.

A letter to the Editor of The Times Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana, on 19 October 1950, described the sighting of the "flying saucers" in 1947. The New Orleans Item, on 17 October 1950, editorially, commented about "flying saucers" observed by two (2) Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots on the preceding Sunday, and by Commander ROBERT E. McLAUGHLIN, USN, last February.

2. DETAILS:

a. [redacted] J. Sr., and his son, [redacted] J, both residents of [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, on 13 and 24 October 1950, respectively, and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the [redacted]:

(1) Time: 0715 hours, 10 October 1950. Object was under observation from five (5) to ten (10) minutes.

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(2) Location: Observers were in the neighborhood of the [redacted] residence in the northeast portion of New Orleans. Observation was first seen at an azimuth of approximately 45 degrees True and was traveling in a northerly direction. The observers estimated that the object was flying at an altitude of at least one (1) mile.

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from the ground.

(4) Weather Conditions: Bright sun, no clouds.

(5) Description of Object:

(a) According to [redacted] Size and shape of a joint of stove pipe, 2½ feet by 3 to 4 inches.

(b) According to [redacted] Shaped like the side view of a saucer, 30 to 40 feet long and 3 to 4 feet thick.

(c) Object glowed bright with a whitish-blue light. Both observers saw "peculiar" spots before their eyes for one to two minutes after staring at the object. [redacted] reported that the object was composed of bright lights which glistened like facets on a diamond. The object made no noise and left no visible exhaust trail. No estimate of speed was made. The object faded in the distance until it was a minute speck of light and then disappeared - not below the horizon. Domestic ducks of the [redacted], although accustomed to the appearance of normal aircraft, indicated alarm at the noiseless flying object.

(6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for the sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.

(7) [redacted] U advised that he has been in military service and is familiar with the appearance of normal aircraft.

b. Mrs. [redacted] New/Orleans, Louisiana, on 13 Octo[redacted] 1950, reported u[redacted] objects seen by her as follows:

(1) Time: 10 or 11 October 1950 (hour unknown).

(2) Location of Observer: Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Objects circled in a northerly direction

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from the Hospital. They were more than a mile distant, but "not extremely high".

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from a window of Hospital. Observed for approximately two (2) hours.

(4) Description: Twelve (12) shiny, apparently mettalic, diving, spinning objects with round bodies and short wings. Objects were noiseless and left no visible exhaust trails. They appeared to be constantly spinning. No definite pattern of formation was maintained. Color was bright gray to opalescent.

(5) [redacted] advised that she has flown as a passenger on private airplanes many times.

(6) No physical evidence was obtainable. No meteorological conditions were reported which could have accounted for this sighting.

c. The Shreveport Times of 7 November 1950, carried the following account of "flying discs" reportedly sighted by members of a family of Jonesville, Louisiana, on 5 November 1950:

> "Jonesville, Nov 6 (Special) - 'Flying saucers' made their first reported appearance over Catahoula Sunday - at the little river farm of C.S. Peyton six miles southwest of Jonesville.
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> "About 1:45 p.m. Judy Bell, the family cook, was on her way home after washing the dinner dishes. She rushed back into the Peyton house shouting, 'there's ghosts done come after me right in the broad open daylight. They's hovering right out there over the tractor shed.'
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> "Six members of the Peyton family rushed outside to see the saucer, which by that time had risen to an estimated height of 50 feet above the ground. E.Y. Peyton said what they saw was 'so bright and shiny we couldn't tell anything about its shape or size.'
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> "As they watched, he said, the saucers went up to the northwest. There were twin exhausts, such as made by jet planes, but the exhausts did not stay parallel, he said.

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"Peyton said he got a pocket telescope and watched the saucer but could never see plainly what was ahead of the vapor trails. The object did not hurry; 'it took its time and disappeared from sight in about five minutes.' At the last, he stated, the vapor trail appeared to be red and then bluish.

"The Peyton cook declared that there were two of them things over the tractor shed and they were long and round like a cigar."

d. The New Orleans States, on 10 October 1950, carried the following report of the observations made by the [redacted]: "It wasn't shaped like a saucer", the elder [redacted]ecounted. "It was shaped like a loaf of bread." He said it was loafing along, "away, 'way up." [redacted]said the slow-flying object had no wings and made "no noise whatever". "It was extra bright, not like the sun was shining on a plane," [redacted]said. "It was blinking like a star. From where we were standing, [redacted] appeared to be 20 to 24 inches long. It was extremely high." [redacted] said they watched the object for about five minutes. It was moving in a northerly direction, he said. He didn't say whether it was shaped like a loaf of French bread or the American style rectangular loaf.

e. The following letter was printed in the New Orleans Times Picayune, of 19 October 1950:

"Editor, The Times-Picayune - 'I read again this morning of those two pilots who didn't believe in 'flying saucers' but who actually saw them and now believe.

"Some time ago a soldier in Arizona said he saw a rocket ship. Well, you can tell that soldier that he wasn't seeing things because I believe I saw it too.

"You see it was this way. Back in 1947 we were out on the lake shrimping. It was just before sundown. I was lying on my back on the top step of the seawall, when I had the feeling that somebody was staring at me. Well, I turned my head and looked around me, but nobody was looking at me.

"All of a sudden I looked up at the sky and there was this object. It looked to me, at the moment like a big rock. I kept my eyes on it and called to the others to look at it, but all of a sudden it made two puffs of flame and smoke and was gone. It traveled a little way with the first puff, but with the second puff it was gone.

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> "I have kept quiet about it all this time, but now I felt I must write and tell you about it. Signed MRS. [redacted]

f. The New Orleans Item of 17 October 1950, editorially, speculated concerning the sighting on the preceding Sunday, of four "saucers" in formation by Miami Airlines, Inc., pilots, [redacted] and [redacted]. The editorial commented on the claims of sights last February by Commander ROBERT B. McLAUGHLIN, a USN Missile Expert, and concluded, "... is it possible that the three groups of expert observers could have been mistaken about seeing them? The Air Force, which claims to have spent two years investigating such reports, has said 'definitely mistaken.' We hesitate to call the Air Force Investigators liars. Likewise, we hesitate to question the expert opinion of trained aerial observers and airplane pilots. In fact, we don't dare say what we believe about flying saucers."

3. ACTION: None contemplated by this Headquarters.

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Office of Special Investigations

IN REPLY REFER TO:

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
22 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
Stuttgart, Ark. [illegible]

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. This Spot Intelligence Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of AFCSI Letter 85, dated 8 February 1950, and AFCSI Letter 106, dated 18 October 1949.

2. SYNOPSIS: The Shreveport Times of 21 March 1959, reported an interview with two (2) pilots of the Chicago and Southern Airlines, Inc., who claimed to have sighted a "flying saucer" over Stuttgart, Arkansas, at 2129 hours on the preceding day, while they were flying at 2,000 feet, en route to Houston, Texas, from Memphis Tennessee. C-6

3. DETAILS: The following front-page news item is quoted from the 21 March 1950 edition of The Shreveport Times, morning newspaper of Shreveport, Louisiana:

> Two Chicago and Southern airline pilots last night reported seeing a "flying saucer" about as big as a DC-3 over Stuggart, Ark.
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> G.W. Anderson, co-pilot, said he and pilot Jack Adams sighted the saucer at 9:29 p.m. while flying at 2,000 feet en route to Houston from Memphis.
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> They noticed the saucer, Anderson said, because of its terrific speed and a rapidly-blinking light on its top. The object approached from the south flying north about 1,000 feet above the DC-3 airliner, he related.
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> Anderson, a 30-year-old vet of five years flying the 'hump' in China during the war, said the object definitely was not a planet or other celestial body, but "strictly an airborne object of some description." He said that he and Adams, who has flown with C & S for seven years, are used to seeing unusual celestial sights and jet planes and that the object they saw was none of those.

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Upon sighting the object, Anderson said, he blinked the airliner's landing lights to signal the other craft, but got no response. Instead, he said, the saucer crossed the path of the DC-3 and sped out of sight with terrific speed.

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Anderson, a native of Gate City, Va., and a pilot for C & S for five years, said from the quick look he had he guessed the saucer apparently had a diameter equal to the wing span of a DC-3, about 95 feet.

He said as far as he knows he and Adams, whose home is Little Rock, Ark., were the only ones aboard the airliner to see the saucer. He told the story to The Times during a brief stopover here last night.

4. ACTION: No action contemplated by the District Commander, 9th District OSI (IG).

John C. McLendon
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NOTE: Paragraph 3, quoted news item, indicates that the "saucer" was sighted over Stuggart, Ark., which is probably a misspelling of Stuttgart, Ark.

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The Inspector General

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.
25 November 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO:

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Reports of Unconventional Aircraft

TO : Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Recent reports of sightings of unconventional aircraft in Mississippi are, briefly, as follows:

a. Managing Editor of the Meridian Star, who is a major in the Mississippi National Guards, sighted an unconventional aircraft while flying an F-47 aircraft and flew in pursuit of the object.

b. Three (3) Mississippi National Guards enlisted members sighted an uncoventional flying object from the ramp at Key Field, Mississippi.

c. Two (2) weather forecasters at Key Field, Mississippi, gave reported weather conditions for period that unconventional aircraft was sighted.

d. Two (2) Control Tower employees of Key Field, Mississippi, sighted an unidentified aerial aircraft or object that could have been a conventional aircraft.

e. McComb Radio reported course of object.

f. Monroe Radio reported an object.

g. The Clarion Ledger carried an account of folks in Brookhaven seeing another "flying saucer" moving across town.

h. The Vicksburg Evening Post carried an account of Major Stephens sighting an unidentified object over Mississippi resembling the edge of a bright tilted plate.

i. The Jackson Daily News carried an account of a "mysterious streak of light" in the sky being sighted by local citizens.

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2. DETAILS:

a. BUNYAN DUDLEY STEPHENS, Managing Editor of The Meridian Star, and a Major [redacted] Mississippi National Guards, residing at 3401 Grandview Street, Meridian, Mississippi, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), on 16 November 1950 and reported the sighting of an unconventional flying object, during a flight he was performing in an F-47 type aircraft USNG, over Mississippi. Details as submitted by ST[redacted]

(1) Time: 1650 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

(2) Location: STEPHENS was flying at an altitude of 8,000 feet, about eight (8) miles east of Meridian, Miss., when he first saw the object as it was silhouetted against the sky by the sun, traveling due west at a location west southwest of Meridian. After sighting, STEPHENS started to pursue the object, climbing to 21,000 feet at an indicated air speed of two hundred and ten (210) miles per hour (estimated three hundred (300) MPH ground speed). At 21,000 feet over Forest, Mississippi, STEPHENS estimated the object's altitude to be 55-60,000 feet, with a conservative estimate of its speed being six hundred (600) MPH ground speed, without variation in course and with negligible change in altitude. During this observation the object was about forty (40) to seventy (70) miles west of STEPHENS.

(3) Manner of Observation: As indicated in paragraph 2a(2) above.

(4) Description: Color of milky white, resembling a daylight type neon bulb. About four hundred fifty (450) to five hundred (500) feet long, and fifty (50) feet in width, comparable to a horizontal bar held lengthwise, with one end slanting downward, traveling at an elevation of fifteen (15) degrees to the horizon. No exhaust, lights or vapor trail observed. Wingless without visible means of support or propulsion. Controls or airducts not evident. No reflection was cast because of sun. STEPHENS flew north and south of the object and it did not change in perspective.

(5) No celestial phenomena reported as present. Sky reported clear.

(6) STEPHENS is physically fit for flying and is an active pilot. At time of sighting, STEPHENS had been in the air for thirty (30) minutes, denying any feeling of fatigue.

(7) While over Forest, Mississippi, at 21,000 feet, STEPHENS radioed to all aircraft and radio stations within range to draw attention to the object. The broadcast was received by Jackson Radio, McComb Radio, Maxwell Air Force Base, and Monroe Radio.

(8) Neighbors and Police Department gave STEPHENS as being of excellent reputation and reliable.

b. T/Sgt CHARLES M. MACGRACE, NG-20452128, residing at 1007 8th Avenue, S/Sgt ROGER CLAYTON MACINTOSH, NG-24399958, residing at 2211 14th Street and S/Sgt ROBERT E. BUIE, NG-42900049, residing at 1703 37th Ave., all being mechanics of the 153d Fighter Squadron, Mississippi National Guards and all residing in Meridian, Mississippi, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unconventional flying object. Details as submitted by the three (3) men:

(1) Time: About 1650 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation until 1710 hours, when they lost interest in it.

(2) Location: All three men sighted object from ramp at Key Field, located near Meridian, Mississippi.

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual from the ground.

(4) Weather Condition: Clear sky. No clouds.

(5) Description of Object: All three men stated that the object was at an azimuth of approximately fifteen (15) degrees with the horizon. Diminishing size was only indication that object was moving. Other information coincided with that of STEPHENS.

(6) No meteorological condition was indicated which might account for sighting. No physical evidence was obtained.

(7) All three men have recently received a USAF physical examination and found fit for duty status.

(8) Major STEPHENS vouched for reliability of MACGRACE, MACINTOSH and BUIE.

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c. Mr. W. B. BENSON and J. V. CARMICHAEL, Weather Forecasters, Key Field, Meridian, Mississippi, stated that the weather report for 1730 hours, 13 November 1950 was as follows:

(1) Meridian: Clear; eight (8) miles; 247/53/39 calm; altimeter setting 025.
Jackson: Clear; fifteen (15) miles; 247/56/26; north two (2); altimeter setting 025.
McComb: Clear; fifteen (15) miles; 244/53/39; east south-east five (5); altimeter setting 024.
Monroe: Clear; twelve (12) miles; 247/53/33; east six (6); altimeter setting 025.

(2) Meridian spot check at 1703 hours, 13 November 1950, clear; fifteen (15) miles; east north-east three (3); altimeter setting 025.

d. Mr. C. R. CANNADA, Jr, 4290 Johnson Court and KENNETH O. HARBOUR, 1 Garden Circle, Control Tower Operators, Jackson Air Field, Jackson, Mississippi, both residing in Jackson, Mississippi, were interviewed by a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations (IG), and reported, simultaneously, the sighting of an unidentified aerial aircraft or object. Details as submitted:

(1) Time: 1635 hours CST, 13 November 1950. Object was under observation for forty (40) minutes.

(2) Location: From Control Tower, Jackson Air Field, south of Jackson at an estimated altitude of about forty (40) degrees to horizon.

(3) Manner of Observation: From Jackson Air Field Tower, sighted through six (6) power binocular.

(4) Weather Conditions: Not reported.

(5) Description of Object: Object could have been an aircraft. First sighting revealed object and vapor trail. Object resembled wing of aircraft, with vapor trail obscuring fuselage, empennage and opposite wing. Vapor trail remained a constant length until it suddenly disappeared. Object a dull white, which did not cast reflections from the sun. No lights were visible.

(6) CANNADA and HARBOUR stated that their radio intercepted messages from Memphis ATC which revealed that no flights were scheduled which would be in that area at that time.

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e. McComb Radio reported object north of McComb on a westerly course.

f. Monroe Radio reported object south of Monroe at 1650 hours.

g. The CLARION-LEDGER, (Jackson, Mississippi), of 16 November 1950, carried the following account of a "flying saucer," reportedly signted by several persons:

> "FOLKS IN BROOKHAVEN SEE FLYING OBJECT"
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> "Brookhaven - Several persons have reported to the Leader-Times of seeing another 'flying saucer' moving across Brookhaven about 5 p.m. Monday afternoon. Some described it as resembling an 'air sock' or 'air sleeve' towed by pilots in target practice.
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> Other persons speculated that it was merely a vapor trail made visible by the setting sun in the late afternoon skies or left by a trail of smoke from a passing plane.
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> A. C. Sample, owner of the Yellow Cab Co., said he and Tom Lofton drove out to U. S. Highway 51 and watched the object for about 15 minutes. Sample said he thought it was a blimp or an airplane.
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> J. A. Smith reported seeing what he described as a 'flying saucer' at about 5:15 p.m. Monday on North Jackson Street. He said several persons observed the strange object moving across the sky in a north westerly direction. He said it left a light pink fire in its path."

h. The Vicksburg EVENING POST (Mississippi) carried the following account of a mystery object, sighted in sky by Major B. D. STEPHENS:

> "MYSTERY OBJECT SIGHTED IN SKY"
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> "Meridian, Miss., Nov 14- An unidentified object was sighted over Mississippi at an altitude of about 35,000 feet, according to Major B. D. Stephens, National Guard pilot who said he chased it for 65 miles.

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> Stephens, of the 153rd Fighter Squadron of the Mississippi Air National Guard, said the object was reported in Jackson, McComb and Meridian. He said he fles 300 miles per hour and reached an altitude of 21,000 feet in his pursuit.
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> Stephens said the object resembled the edge of a bright tilted plate and could have been the vapor effect of a high-flying B-36."

i. The Jackson DAILY NEWS (Jackson, Mississippi), 14 November 1950, carried the following account of a "Mysterious streak of light," reportedly sighted by local citizens:

> "'Could Be,' Jacksonians Say, Seeing Vapor Trail"
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> "A 'Mysterious streak of light' in the sky here late Monday startled local citizens and cause newspapers, radio stations and the Weather Bureau to be swamped with calls.
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> Officials at the control tower at the airport said it probably was a vapor trail from a jet plane, but Jacksonians who saw it thought otherwise, with many of them saying it had a 'burnihg tail.'
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> The same light was reported seen in Florence and Vicksburg also.
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> It was described as changing in color from orange to lemon and then to white as it disappeared toward the horizon.
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> An the Weather Bureau, officials, said the light first was seen directly over the city and that it moved from east to west at a height of 'well above 30,000 feet.' They said they didn't know what it was.
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> West Jackson residents reported they watched the light for some time before it disappeared. Their guesses as to what it was ranged from 'a flying saucer' to 'something from another world.'
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> It was described as having an oblong shape.

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In Meridian, Maj. B. D. Stephens of the Mississippi Air National Guard said he chased an unidentified object for 65 miles at 300 miles an hour, but never got near it. He said it did not have a vapor trail and that it resembled the edge of a bright tilted plate, bar or flattened out new moon.

Two mechanics at Key Field, in Meridian watched the light with binoculars and said it could have been vapor trails from a B-36.

Mrs. [redacted], who resides between Jackson and Clin[redacted], said she and other members of her family saw the object about 4:45 p.m., They said it was flying at a very high altitude and traveling very fast directly west.

She added that she could not see the front of the object but the rear end looked like a cylinder of flame about five or six feet long.

Mrs. [redacted] said she called the observation tower at the Jacks[redacted] Air Base who confirmed her report of seeing the strange object, but officials there would not attempt to identify it."

3. ACTION: None contemplated by this Headquarters.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
19 May 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

24-185-9-13

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photostatic copy of closed Report of Investigation, of Special Agent JOE H. TUCK, 9th OSI District, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, File No. 24-142, dated 2 June 1954.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
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REFERENCE: INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by the Commander, Keesler AFB, Miss., after resident of Bay St. Louis, Miss. re[redacted]ing unidentified flying objects 19 May 54. [redacted] c[redacted]r, reported that at about 2030 hours, he saw three reddish glowing objects over bay; that objects bobbed and we[redacted]ving gradually out of sight and made no sound. Mrs. HO[redacted] also reported seeing objects. Mrs. [redacted] stated H[redacted] brought her attention to object which she observed for several minutes, but that she saw only one.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, orally, through Colonel JAMES C. BEAM, 7544A, Wing T/O on 20 May 1954, and predicated on information furnished by Keesler Detachment 9th District OSI, (IG), Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

2. Special Agent LOUIS H. COLEMAN assisted in this investigation.

AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

3. At 0920 hours 20 May 1954, Special Agent COLEMAN received a telephone call from Special Agent RICHARD V. TERRELL, New Orleans Deatchment, 9th District OSI (IG), New Orleans, Louisiana, in which Special Agent TERRELL related that at 0850 hours 20 May 1954 he received information from Mr. ROBERT COOPER, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, concerning a report of an unidentified flying object. Mr. COOPER informed Special Agent TERRELL that Mr. [redacted] had telephonically informed him that at approximately 2030 hours 19 May 1954, he had observed three large objects which appeared to be large balls of fire, flying in a weaving and bobbing manner at a low altitude over the water near Bay St. Louis, Mississippi [redacted] further reported that the objects made a loud humming sound and were definitely not conventional aircraft; that he observed these objects for approximately 20 minutes before calling the FBI and they were still visible during his conversation with the FBI in NewOrleans; that he knew the objects were not conventional aircraft and that the light from the objects was plainly reflected in the water of the bay, and other persons beside himself had seen the objects. [redacted] related that he was a veteran of the Air Force and was familiar with all types of conventional aircraft but had never seen anything similar to this before.

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4. On 20 May 1954, Mr. [redacted] North Beach, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, stated that he operates a fishing camp at the mouth of the Jordan River on Bay St. Louis; that he has been in Bay St. Louis a relatively short time and formerly resided in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. [redacted] described the incident concerning the unidentified flying objects as follows:

a. Shape: Appeared to be stars but had a reddish-yellow glow.

b. Size: Appeared to be about twice as large as other stars.

c. Color: Reddish-yellow hue

d. Number: Three

e. Formation: Two of the objects appeared to be 6-8 feet apart from the observation point and the third object appeared to be 16-20 feet from the first two.

f. Discernible features: None

g. Tail trail or exhaust: None

h. Sound: None

i. Other pertinent or unusual features: None

Mr. [redacted] stated that at approximately 2030 hours 19 May 1954, he went out to the pier to check the water and sky and noticed two objects reflected in the water; that the two objects appeared to be similar to a light from the objects shining down on the water; that he followed these rays up from the water until he saw the objects in the sky; that he then noticed a third object in the sky which was a considerable distance away from the other two; that he observed these objects for approximately forty-five minutes; that he would estimate the objects were approximately 30° above the horizon and were in a northeasterly direction from the point of observation; that the three objects moved in an up and down and side to side pattern but did not seem to have any regular pattern nor did the objects move in unison; that the objects seemed to fade away in a northeast direction as if they were going away from the observer until they finally disappeared; that he could not estimate the altitude or distance of the objects except they appeared to be a great distance from him. Mr. [redacted] stated that the sky was clear and visibility was unrestricted.

Mr. [redacted] stated that his wife and a Mrs. [redacted]d also observed these objects.

5. On 21 May 1954, Mrs. [redacted] gave substantially the same information concerning the unidentified objects as related by her husband. Mrs. [redacted] stated that at the time she observed the objects the water in the [redacted]ay was calm.

6. On 21 May 1954, Mrs. [redacted] Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, stated substantially the same as Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] except that she reported seeing only one object. Mrs. [redacted] related that she drove up to Mr. [redacted]s fishing camp and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were out on the pier; that they pointed the object out to her and she observed it for approximately 15 minutes. Mrs. [redacted]rther related that she noticed that the moon appeared to be very red that night.

[redacted]

7. Due to the short time HOELZEL has resided in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, no one could be located who could establish reputation and credibility of [redacted]

AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

8. On 22 May 1954 the writer briefed Captain NORMAN C. BAUSCH, AO 587236, Wing Training Officer, with all the available information concerning the unidentified flying objects referred to above.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

JUN 1954

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-0

SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)
Alleged Siting of Unidentified
Flying Object
3 June 1954, 1830 Hours
at DeKalb, Texas

SPECIAL INQUIRY

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INV
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: Commander
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana

1. At approximately 2010 hours, 3 June 1954, the Staff Duty Officer, Captain ELVA D. BROWN, telephonically advised Special Agent ALPHONSO T. WAGNER that a Mr.[redacted], Route 4, DeKalb, Texas, had reported, via telephone at approximately 1930 hours, stating that he had observed what he believed to be a "flying saucer" over DeKalb at approximately 1830 hours. Mr.[redacted] related that he was in the company of Mr.[redacted] and Mr.[redacted], both of DeKalb, Texas, at the time the object was seen. [redacted]ON related that the object appeared to be about one-third to one-half (1/3 to 1/2) the size of a dime; that it seemed to be low and flying fairly fast on a course of approximately east southeast, and was silver in color; that the object, when cited, was about ten (10) miles northeast of DeKalb. Mr. [redacted] could furnish no information as to actual size, speed, altitude, or even a close approximation of this object. Capt BROWN stated that Mr. [redacted] talked very intelligently over the telephone and answered his questions freely and without reserve. Capt BROWN further stated that shortly after [redacted] called him a TWX was received from Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, advising that an unknown object had been observed over Ramey, at about 1930 hours.

Capt RALPH HARRIS, forecaster, Base Weather Station, advised that the weather in the vicinity of DeKalb, Texas, at 1830 hours on 3 June 1954, was clear and that the visibility was at least fifteen (15) miles.

2. This office contemplates no further investigative activity in this matter.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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cc: Dir OSI

LOUIS J. SCHIAVO
Major, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-0

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object
(Sighted by [redacted]
[redacted]tairie,
at approximately 2100 hours,
9 August 1954)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF [illegible]
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian 4 DEC 1975
DATE

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. On 10 August 1954, agents of the New Orleans Detachment received a call from Mr. [redacted], Assistant Agent in C[redacted]Orleans Field Office, FBI, to the effect that a Mr. [redacted] Drive, Metairie, Louisiana, had called the FBI at approximately 2100 hours on 9 August 1954, stating that he had just observed an unidentified flying object traveling at a tremendous speed. The above call from the FBI to the OSI office in New Orleans, Louisiana was confirmed in letter to the District Commander, 9th District OSI, dated 10 August 1954.

2. On 11 August 1954, in compliance with AFOSI Letter No. 85, para-
graph 4b (2), Special Agent RICHARD V. TYRELL interviewed Mr. [redacted] for
any data concerning the unidentified object sighted by Mr. [redacted] Mr.
[redacted] advised that he was working in and around his yard between 2000 and
2100 hours, 9 August 1954; that visibility was clear with mackerel cloud
ceiling of approximately .5 coverage at 3,000 feet, estimated. The moon
was shining. [redacted] stated that upon hearing an aircraft overhead with a
reciprocating type engine which suddenly stopped, his attention was directed
toward the sky. Upon looking at the sky, Mr. [redacted] observed an object at
approximately eighty degrees from the horizon having a yellow side light and
a green light moving rapidly from West to East. [redacted] stated the object
made no sound, but he does not believe it was the aircraft that he had heard
just prior to sighting the object. [redacted] could not estimate the altitude
of the object nor could he estimate the speed, but he stated that the object
was out of sight within a minute. No unusual shape or iridescent qualities
were noticed, nor was any exhaust noted. [redacted] could not describe the
shape. [redacted] stated that he did not believe that the object was a reflect-
ion on the base of the clouds. In conclusion, Mr. [redacted] stated that he is

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a former member of the U. S. Navy and is now a member of the U. S. Naval Reserves, and is familiar with aircraft of the reciprocating type and jet type.

3. With regard to the sighting reported by Mr. [redacted] on 9 August 1954, a check of appropriate sources within the New Orleans, Louisiana area revealed that no other reports were made on unidentified flying objects that date.

4. In view of the fact that as of this date, Air Force Letter 200-5 as referred to in AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953, has not been distributed either to this office or Command authorities at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, the above is forwarded for your information and/or any action deemed appropriate.

Louis J. Schiavo
LOUIS J. SCHIAVO
Major, USAF
District Commander

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
Office of Special Investigations

9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

IN REPLY REFER TO: 24-0-

16 DEC 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted 8 and 9 November 55
By [redacted]board
S. S. MATHERAN - North Atlantic

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached is copy of entry made in the log of the S. S. MATHERAN, which belongs to the Cunard Steamship Company, and is forwarded for your information and/or any action deemed appropriate.

2. The attached was furnished an Agent of this office by Mr. [redacted] [redacted]ger, Funch, Edye & Co., Inc., 1002 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. [redacted] advised that his company are agents for the Cunard Steamship Company, and that the information contained in attached entry was turned over to him by Mr. H. G. MacGREGOR, Master of the above ship. [redacted]tated that [redacted] is a sober, well-educated person and that [redacted] had requested that [redacted] turn this information over to the Air Force, inasmuch as the incident occurred near an Air Force station in the Azores.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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November 8th. '55. 2130 Hrs, Pos 35 38'N 14 17'W.
Co. 266(t), Spd 13 Kts.

Phenomena witnessed by [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] at the wheel:- Bright yellow light in air approx. 150 ft. high, which cast a circular pool of light, on the water. It approached vessel to within 3 cables, from a S'ly direction, and remained stationary for 30 secs. Brg 4Pts.
Contact attempted with Aldis lamp. Bright light directed at ship and moved away in a W'ly direction.

NO ENGINE NOISE DETECTED THROUGHOUT.

November 9th. '55. 2115 Hrs, Pos 35 16'N 20 44'W.
Co. 266(t), Spd 13 Kts.

Again yellow light observed by Third Officer, at approx 10 degrees alt. 2Pts. for'd of star'd beam. Light remained visible and stationary for 15 minutes. In this case, light was seen by Master for 30 secs, before disappearing.

Weather in both cases was Calm, Fine, and Clear with long moderate WNW'ly swell.

Master

A.G. Stallard 3/o

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7 FEB 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3 Feb 57

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: Civilian person, New Orleans, La., reported observing two (2) unidentified flying objects 1845 hours (CST) 3 Feb 57. (OSI, F-6)

2. DETAILS: On 4 February 1957, Mr. [redacted], New Orleans, La., reported to representatives of this District that he had observed two (2) unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of New Orleans at about 1845 hours 3 Feb 1957. The following pertinent information was obatined through interview of [redacted]:

a. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS:

(1) Shape: Circular and flat.

(2) Size: Appeared approximately size of tennis ball.

(3) Color: Bright with greenish tinge; appeared to have aura of light around them.

(4) Number: Two (2).

(5) Formation: Parallel, with one slightly above the other.

(6) Discernible Features: Besides the aura of light, the objects appeared to have two (2) round lights in the body.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

(8) Sound: None.

(9) Speed: [redacted] calculated the speed of the objects at 8,312 miles per hour, estimating that they were at 20,000 feet altitude and remained within a 120 degree arc of his sight for three seconds.

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b. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

(1) How noted: Attention brought to objects during casual observation of sky.

(2) Angle of elevation and azimuth: When first observed, the objects were above observer, about 8 or 9 degrees to the east of vertical and proceeding at an azimuth of about 182 degrees. When last observed, the objects had moved out of his line of vision over the horizon on the same azimuth as when first observed.

(3) Flight path and maneuvers: Flight path was straight and no maneuvers were observed.

(4) Manner of Disappearance: Out of sight over the horizon.

(5) Length of time in sight: Estimated three (3) seconds.

c. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) Manner: Ground-visual.

(2) Optical aids: None.

d. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) Time of sighting: 040045Z Feb 57.

(2) Light conditions: Dark.

e. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) Latitude: 29 degrees 58 minutes.

(2) Longitude: 90 degrees 5 minutes.

f. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) Name: [redacted]

(2) Age: 49

(3) Mailing Address: [redacted]
Orleans, La.

(4) Occupation: Electrical Engineer

g. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) Weather (per BREWER): Clear

(2) Weather (per files of U. S. Weather Bureau, New Orleans, La.)

(a) Wind Direction: South, Southwest

(b) Wind Velocity:

1 Surface: Nine (9) knots per hour as of 1905 hours observation.

2 Aloft: Only reading available was taken at 1500 hours at maximum altitude of 8000 feet where winds were 21 knots from 250 degrees. By interpolation on a map recording readings from other sites at 1830 hours 3 February, it was estimated that winds at 10, 20 and 30 thousand feet altitude would have been from the same general direction at about the same velocity.

(c) Ceiling: Generally unlimited.

(d) Visibility: Twelve (12) miles.

(e) Amount of cloud cover: .2

(f) Thunderstorms and precipitation: None.

h. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA: None

i. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None

j. AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

None other observed by Mr. [redacted].

3. OSI COMMENT: The agent who interviewed Mr. [redacted] reported [redacted] very coherent and articulate in explaining his sighting. [redacted] appeared to be above average in intelligence. Because this office has no further information as to [redacted]s background or veracity, his evaluation as a source cannot be made.

4. ACTION: By copy of this letter, the Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi is being informed of this matter. No

further action is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested or directed.

cc: Dir OSI
Comdr, Keesler
AFB, Mississippi

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

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[16 SEP 1957]

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
Greenville Air Force Base
Mississippi

1. This is to confirm, in writing, information verbally furnished Colonel FRANCIS J. SHUCK, your Wing Executive Officer, by Special Agent LOUIS E. OLIVERO of the Greenville Detachment, this District Office, on 23 August 1957.

2. On 22 August 1957, ANDREW C. BALDRIDGE, 1st Lt., AO 3006519, 3505th P.T. Group, Greenville Air Force Base, Miss., reported the following incident regarding an unidentified flying object: "Shape of lights directly overhead was a rectangle, approximately 30 feet to 50 feet wide, and 50 feet to 75 feet long. The lights seemed to be a white color with a faint yellow or orange tint. The shape of the carrier of the lights could not be determined. The size of the lights is compared in relationship to a T-33 aircraft seen giving chase about one to one and a half miles behind. Elevation of object was directly overhead, about 8,000 to 10,000 feet, judging from the size and sound of the jet following. The lights seemed to be in four (4) rows. The object seemed to have no jet trail or fire tracer. The sound of the jet following was quite clear and distinct, but the object made no sound or vibration. The object was first sighted about 2142 hours, 21 August 1957. The object appeared stationary and to be round and a bright orange with hazy edges but not glowing like a fire ball, with size about the same as a silver dollar at arms length. About one minute later, my wife noticed the object was moving. The object was about 30 degrees above the horizon when first sighted and it traveled an arc of about 40 degrees in a matter of about a half minute. A jet was seen to give chase before object passed overhead. Estimated altitude of jet, judging from sound and size of lights, was about 8,000 to 10,000 feet. The jet seemed to be carrying 100% power and followed the object to the southwest until both were no longer visible. Total time object was visible was about 3 to 4 minutes. Speed was not excessive, 350 to 400 knots, and no changes in course were made during visible time."

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Lt. BALDRIDGE, USAF pilot, and his wife, [redacted] [redacted] Drive, Greenville, Miss., witnessed the sighting. The object was seen at night, ground visual, no viewing aids. The observers were on the northeast edge of the city of Greenville.

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3. No further OSI action in this matter was requested by Colonel SHUCK.

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4. This letter is classified [redacted] pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

DWIGHT J. SCOVEL
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

✓cc: Dir OSI (ZI)

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9th OSI District
Barksdale AFB, La.

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15 NOV 1957

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted on 9 November 1957
by Mr. [redacted]d River Arsenal,
Texarkana, Texas

TO: Commander
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian 4 DEC 1975
DATE

1. Reference telephone conversation 12 November 1957 between Lt. Colonel [redacted], District Commander, 9th District OSI, and Lt. Colonel RUPERT STECHMAN, your Headquarters, concerning above subject.

2. The following confirms information verbally furnished Major WILLIAM C. PETERS, AO 704734, Base Operations Officer, on 9 November 1957. by an agent of this office:

> At 2137 hours on 9 November 1957, Mr. [redacted] Texarkana, Texas, contacted the 9th District OSI Duty Agent for the purpose of furnishing information concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. [redacted] stated that he had received information from [redacted] who is an employee of Red River Arsenal, that at approximately 2105 hours, 9 November 1957, while working at the Arsenal, which is located approximately six (6) miles east of New Boston, Texas, [redacted] observed a long bluish light traveling at a high rate of speed, going east to west at a 45° angle toward the earth. [redacted] was unable to estimate the altitude at which the object was flying, but estimated the length of the object to be two-hundred (200) feet; however, the exact size could not be determined due to its brilliance. According to [redacted] stated that the object was within his view for only a few seconds.
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> In conclusion, [redacted] stated that, insofar as he could determine, [redacted] was the only person who had seen the object.

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3. This letter is classified [redacted] pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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District Commander

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c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual.
(2) No optical aids (no eye glasses).
(3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Approximately 0720 hours, 10 April 1958, Central Standard Time.
(2) Day.

e. Location of Observer:

Object was sighted above the [redacted], Lake Charles, Louisiana. Observer was crossing from west to east side of [redacted] and was in the approximate center of the block. Observer sighted object for approximately 30 degrees of flight across and above [redacted], until it disappeared behind buildings on the east side of [redacted].

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Name: [redacted]
(2) Address: [redacted] Lake Charles, Louisiana
(3) Age: 36
(4) Occupation: [redacted] for D. W. [redacted] Associates, Civil Engineers, [redacted], Lake Charles, Louisiana. Te[redacted]
(5) Length of Time with Firm: 10 years.
(6) Immediate Supervisor with above Firm: Mr. D[redacted]
(7) Marital Status: Married.
(8) Children: 1 child.

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g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear sky, little or no surface wind, and the sun was shining.

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2. This case is considered CLOSED in the files of this office.

3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL in that it contains investigative information which requires protection against unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1).

DWIGHT J. SOOVEL
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

✓cc: Dir OSI (USAF)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-233

DATE 25 June 1958

REPORT MADE BY ALFRED T. KEITH, S/A

TITLE
(U)
Reported Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object, 1815-20 Hours, 12 June 1958, by Mr. [redacted] Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

REPORT MADE AT DO 9 (ZI), Barksdale AFB, La.

PERIOD 13 June 1958

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th District OSI (IG), predicated on information furnished by Mr. [redacted] that he had sighted an Unidentified Flying Object at approximately 1815-20 hours, 12 June 1958. [redacted] was lying on his back atop building at [redacted] New Orleans, La., when object was observed. [redacted]escribed object as similar in size to head of pin. U. S. weather bureau reports balloon in area visible over New Orleans at 1820 hours date of sighting. Balloon burst at height of 35,400 feet.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation conducted at the direction of the District Commander, 9th District OSI. Investigation based upon information furnished by Mr. [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana, who reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 13 June 1958 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

2. On 13 June 1958 Mr. [redacted], previously identified, voluntarily appeared in the offices of the New Orleans Detachment, 9th District OSI, and reported his sighting of an object which he believed to be of interest to the United States Air Force.

3. Information provided by Mr. [redacted] is set forth as follows in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

1. Description of Object:

a. Object appeared to be slightly V shaped at first, but as it moved through the sky, was adjudged to be round.

b. Object appeared to be the size of the head of a pin.

c. Color: white

d. Number: one

e. Not applicable.

f. No discernible features of details.

g. No tail, trail or exhaust was noted.

h. No sound detected.

i. No other pertinent or unusual features were observed.

2. Description of Course of Object:

a. Observer was lying on his back on top of a building located at [redacted]. While looking at the sky, interviewee noticed the object, which at first appeared to be stationary, move slowly in a NNE direction.

b. Angle of elevation and azimuth when first observed: 90 degrees.

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c. Angle of elevation and azimuth upon disappearance: Approximately 45 degrees.

d. Object moved in NNE direction for approximately 50 to 60 seconds, stopped briefly, then proceeded in approximately a NNW direction for approximately 5 to 10 seconds and then disappeared.

e. Disappeared, suddenly, from view and did not reappear.

f. Object was in view for 60 to 70 seconds.

3. Manner of Observation:

a. Ground - visual

b. No optical aids utilized.

c. Not applicable.

4. Time and Date of Sighting:

a. 1815 to 1820 hours on 12 June 1958
Zulu Time: 2400Z

b. Dusk

5. Location of Observer:

[redacted] Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

6. Identifying Data of Observer:

[redacted], New Orleans, La. Age: 28, Bank teller at Hibernia National Bank.

7. Weather and Winds Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

a. Observer stated weather was clear.

b. TILLMAN GLAINEY, Aviation Weather Service, Moisant Airport, Kenner, La., telephonically provided the following data for approximately 1830 hours, 12 June 1958:

Height	Wind Direction	Wind Velocity
Surface	ESE	12 knots
6,000 feet	100 degrees	10 knots

10,000 feet	90 degrees	15 knots
16,000 feet	90 degrees	12 knots
20,000 feet	40 degrees	15 knots
35,400 feet	90 degrees	27 knots

[redacted] stated that a white weather balloon was released from Burwood, Louisiana, at approximately 1800 hours on 12 June 58 and advised that this balloon could have been visible over New Orleans at approximately 1820 hours on that date. He further stated that the expanded diameter of this weather balloon is six to eight feet and that the balloon attained a height of 35,400 feet at time of burst.

c. Ceiling: unlimited

d. Visibility: excellent

e. No cloud cover.

f. No thunderstorms in the area.

8. No other unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting was proposed or determined.

9. Not applicable.

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4. This report is classified [redacted] in the interests of protecting information contained herein from unauthorized disclosure. (Paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.)

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INFO COPY FOR DIR OSI

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object sighted in the sky over CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA, 26 MAY 59 by [redacted], CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA.

TO: Comdr, Keesler AFB, Miss.

1. Reference AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, and amendment thereto, dated 3 July 1958.

2. On 3 June 1959, [redacted], Chalmette, Louisiana, telephonically reported to Special Agent DONALD E. [redacted] Detachment Commander, New Orleans Detachment, this district, that he had sighted a mysterious object in the sky on 26 May 1959. [redacted] was contacted at his place of employment, [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, at which time he gave the following specific answers to questions outlined in paragraph 15 of referenced Air Force Regulation:

(1) Description of Object:
  a. Shape - round
  b. Size - of basketball
  c. Color - orange-yellow
  d. Number - one (1)
  e. N/A
  f. No discernible features or details
  g. No exhaust, tail or trail observed
  h. No sound was heard
  i. No other pertinent or unusual features

(2) Description of Course of Object:
  a. First observed while sitting on a levee looking at horizon
  b. Appeared to be almost level with horizon (10 degrees angle) when first observed
  c. Object maintained the same angle while traveling from east to west until it disappeared on horizon
  d. Maintained a straight flight path
  e. Appeared to vanish over horizon
  f. In sight ten (10) minutes (estimated)

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(3) Manner of Observation:
   a. Ground - visual
   b. No optical aids used
   c. N/A

(4) Time and Date of Sighting:
   a. 2000 - 2100 hours, 26 May 1959
   b. Light conditions - night

(5) Location of Observer:
   a. On levee at St Bernard Highway and Paris Road, Chalmette, Louisiana

(6) Identifying Information of Observer:

Name: [redacted]
Age : [redacted] Chalmette, Louisiana
Employment: Auto glass installer

(7) Weather and Winds-aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:
   a. Observer stated sky was clear with no wind
   b. U.S. Weather Bureau information furnished by W. O. SISK, U. S. Weather Bureau, Moisant Airport, Kenner, Louisiana

      Wind Direction: ESE
      Velocity: Five (5) knots at surface
      Winds aloft: (Available at Burwood, Louisiana, Station, located 100 miles from New Orleans. Will be furnished if necessary)
   c. Ceiling - unlimited
   d. Visibility - 10 to 15 miles
   e. Amount of Cloud Cover - 2/10ths
   f. Thunderstorms in area - none

(8) No unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise which might account for the sighting.

(9) N/A

(10) Not obtained

(11) [redacted] for his age and did not seem to [redacted] r. [redacted]ed an inclination to be imaginative in his description of the sighting and in subsequent general discussion at the time of interview. [redacted] accompanied by an uncle. ([redacted] employer)

who told several imaginative stories of sightings he had witnessed in previous years, and it is felt that [redacted] version was influenced, to a certain extent, by his uncle's descriptions.

(12) No photographs or other physical evidence available.

3. This information was not previously submitted to you by electrical means in view of the time lapse between [redacted] sighting and reporting the alleged object (26 May - 3 June 1959).

Palmer S. McClellan

PALMER S. McCLELLAN, Major, USAF
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF:
FREDRIC W. SHOOK
Major, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Sighted 25 July 1959 Approximately Twenty-five (25) Miles East Northeast of New Orleans, Louisiana, on Highway 90

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TO: Comdr, Keesler AFB, Miss

1. Reference AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, and Amendment thereto, dated 3 July 1958.

2. At 1035 hours, 27 July 1959, [redacted] Eighth Naval District, Director of Intelligence, Foreign Section, telephonically reported to the New Orleans Detachment, this office, that a Mr. [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana, had informed that office that four (4) Negroes had seen an object fall into the swamp near the Rigolets Bridge, approximately twenty-five (25) miles east of New Orleans on Highway 90. According to [redacted], Mr. [redacted] was convinced of the sighting as related by the Negroes and had rented a boat to look for the object. However, the area in which the object was seen to fall is not navigable by boat and inaccessible by foot. According to [redacted] identified [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, as the person from whom he had received the information and one of the persons who had sighted instant object.

[redacted] further advised that he had reported the matter to Naval Operations, U. S. Naval Air Station, Alvin Callender Field, but they had received no additional information concerning the sighting, nor could they report any operations in that vicinity which would account for the sighting.

[redacted] stated that he had also reported the matter to Mr. [redacted] of the U. S. Weather Bureau, New Orleans, Louisiana, and that [redacted] had advised that there was no unusual weather phenomenon in the area that would account for the sighting.

3. At 2130 hours, 27 July 1959, [redacted] supra, was interviewed by an agent of this office and furnished the following information in reply to specific questions outlined in referenced Air Force Regulation:

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a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round.
(2) Size - of baseball.
(3) Color - bright red.
(4) Number - one (1).
(5) Formation - N/A.
(6) Any discernible features or details - Glowed like fire. Appeared like a piece of a star that did not disintegrate after breaking off.
(7) Trail - Gray smoke extending behind for at least a mile.
(8) Sound - None.
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - "A ball of fire."

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: Mrs. ISADORE noticed it appear in sky to right while riding in car toward New Orleans on Highway 90, and called attention to other passengers.

(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: Appeared to be off a great distance at approximately 70 degree angle.

(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance: Fell almost straight down into marsh. Horizon level.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Straight flight path - rapid descent.

(5) How did the object disappear? Fell into marsh. Exhumed a cloud of smoke or steam upon contact with ground. Disappeared instantly.

(6) How long was the object visible? Thirty (30) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground visual.
(2) Optical aids - none.
(3) N/A.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 1835 hours (CST), 25 July 1959.
(2) Light conditions - dusk.

e. Location of observers:

Two and one-half (2½) miles east of Rigolets Bridge on U. S. Highway 90, approximately twenty-five (25) miles ENE of New Orleans, Louisiana. Object appeared to fall into marsh at a point half-way between Fort Pike on west end of bridge and a lighthouse on a point five (5) miles to right of highway approaching New Orleans, Louisiana.

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f. Identifying Information on Observers:

(1) [redacted] age 54, [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana. Chauffeur - Ponchartrain Motors, New Orleans, Louisiana.

(2) [redacted], approximately 50 years of age, wife, [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

(3) [redacted], Adult - [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

(4) [redacted] (Last name unkrown), [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting:

Agent did not refer to Weather Bureau as Lt. NORTON had previously done so. Observers described weather condition as cloudy with intermittent heavy rain showers. Good visibility at time of sighting.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None.

j. None witnessed by observers, or reported by Naval Air Station.

k. The agent is of the opinion that the object could have been a rocket launched by one of the many "Rocket Clubs" practicing their hobby on weekends.

l. None.

4. [redacted] and his wife appeared to be of average intelligence and judgement. Both expressed themselves calmly and factually in describing the sighting, and the interviewing agent had no reason to question the sincerity or reliability of the information as reported.

5. This information was not previously submitted to you by electrical means in view of the time lapse between the original sighting and the time it was reported to this office.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SUBJECT: UFO Sighted 15 August 1960, at Lake Hermitage, Louisiana

TO: Commander, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. The following information is furnished your Command under the provisions of Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, as amended by AFR 200-2A, dated 3 July 1958.

2. At 1430 hours, 15 August 1960, Mr. [redacted] Drive, Marrero, Louisiana, employed as an insurance salesman for the National Life Insurance Company, telephonically advised the OSI Detachment Commander, New Orleans, Louisiana, that at approximately 0400 hours, while launching his boat in preparation for a fishing trip at the Friendly Fisherman's Camp, Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, he noticed a bright yellow object coming down through the overcast sky, traveling from a south-southeast direction approximately 45° to 50° from the horizon. [redacted] advised that this object was moving toward him rapidly and as it came closer it became larger and elongated. [redacted] estimated the original size to be about the size of a basketball, and that it eventually became four or five times its original size. [redacted] advised that it elongated into a silvery cloud which he continued to see until he departed the lake area at approximately 0445 hours. [redacted] stated that when he first observed this object, he called to other people in the area and that three other persons besides himself saw this object. These people were Mr. [redacted], owner o[redacted], Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Gretna, Louisiana, and Mr. [redacted], name unknown. [redacted] stated that during the period of his observation there was a slight overcast and cloudy sky, however, he recalled seeing the moon and stars through the break in the clouds.

3. [redacted] was interviewed on 16 August 1960, at the OSI Detachment Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, and furnished the following information in reply to specific questions outlined in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

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a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round
(2) Size - size of a basketball
(3) Color - yellow
(4) Number - one (1) with one tail
(5) Formation - N/A
(6) Any discernible features or details - Yellow ball of fire. Appeared brighter than the moon. Grew in size and elongated. Subsequently changed in color to a bright silver.
(7) Trail - No trail. Tail - the tail appeared to be three times the length of the object.
(8) Sound - No sound.
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - Appeared similar to a barrage baloon.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: The brightness of the object.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: Approximately 45° to 50° from the horizon. It was located at the opposite end of the lake from the observer, approximately two miles distance.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance: Approximately 45° to 50° from the horizon. Object remained in that position at the time the observer departed the lake area.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: When initially seen by observer, the object appeared to move toward him in a very slight snake-like manner. This movement was not pronounced or readily discernible.
(5) How did the object disappear: Observer stated that the object was still visible in its elongated manner and silver in color.
(6) How long was the object visible: Approximately 40 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground visual
(2) Optical Aids: None
(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0400 hours (CST), 15 August 1960
(2) Light conditions: Dark with a slight illumination from the East. Observer described the condition as a combination of night and dawn.

e. Location of Observer:

Lake Hermitage, Louisiana, five (5) miles southeast of Myrtle Grove, Louisiana. 89° 50' longitude and 29° 35' latitude. Lake Hermitage is located 32 miles South of New Orleans, Louisiana.

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

(1) [redacted]
Age 27
[redacted]
Marrero, Louisiana
Insurance Salesman, National Life Insurance Agency

(2) Mr. [redacted]
Approximately 35 years of age
[redacted]
Gretna, Louisiana
Employee of Crescent City Typewriter Exchange,
New Orleans, Louisiana

(3) Mr. [redacted]
56 years old
Friendly Fisherman's Camp
Lake Hermitage, Louisiana
Proprietor

(4) [redacted]s son (name unknown)

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting. Observer described weather condition as partly cloudy, a slight overcast and fairly good visibility. He estimated the wind to be blowing from the East at approximately four knots. Temperature estimated by observer to be 76 degrees F.

Weather conditions obtained from U. S. Weather Bureau Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, are as follows:

(1) According to U. S. Weather Bureau Office, weather conditions at Alvin Callender Field (10 miles from Lake Hermitage) at 0400 hours, 15 August 1960, were reported accordingly:

(a) Winds - Direction 045°, 2 knots velocity
(b) Ceiling - High scattered clouds
(c) Visibility - Unrestricted, 10 miles visibility
(d) Amount of cloud cover - Three tenths of sky covered.
(e) Thunderstorms in area - None reported
(f) Temperature - 81° F.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None.

j. None reported.

k. The Operations Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Station advised that there is no record of flights of any type from the Naval Air Station by any units during period of sighting of unidentified object. In view of the preceding information, a determination could not be made of the possible cause of the sighting.

l. None.

4. [redacted] appeared to be of above average intelligence and judgement. He expressed himself calmly and factually in describing the sighting.

Frank M. Clark
FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Col., USAF
Commander

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SUBJECT: UFO Sighted 15, 16 August 1960 Twleve Miles Southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Back Levee Canal

TO: Commander
Keesler Technical Training Center
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

1. The following information is furnished to your command in accordance with provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

2. On 17 August 1960, Mr. [redacted] Arabi, Louisiana, reported that on 15 August 1960, at 0400 hours, he and a companion ([redacted]), while boating down "Back Levee Canal", approximately 12 miles southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, noticed a bright yellow round object, in a stationary position in the sky at 60° to 70° to the horizon in a northeast direction. The object, which appeared to be the size of a basketball, was first seen by [redacted] who subsequently attracted [redacted] attention to it. According to [redacted] the object's shape was round for one minute, after which it changed to an elongated shape. The color appeared the same after the object changed shape. After five minutes elapsed, a dark thunder cloud formation covered the object and subsequently neither he nor [redacted] saw the object again that day.

a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round
(2) Size - size of a basketball
(3) Color - Bright yellow - similar to the moon
(4) Number - One (1)
(5) Formation - N/A
(6) Any discernible features or details - Initially appeared round and after one minute changed into an elongated shape.
(7) No trail or tail
(8) Sound - no sound
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - Fleecey looking object - not metalic or solid,

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Ltr, 9th District OSI(IG), Barksdale AFB, La., Subj: UFO Sighted 15, 16 August 1960 Twelve Miles Southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Back Levee Canal

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: Observer's companion pointed object out to him.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: 60° to 70° to horizon. Distance and altitude not known.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance: 60° to 70° to horizon in NE direction. Distance and altitude not known.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Stationary.
(5) How did the object disappear: Dark thundercloud covered it.
(6) How long was the object visible: Six (6) minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual
(2) Optical Aids - none
(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0400 hours 15 August 1960
(2) Light conditions - Dark, just before dawn

e. Location of observer:

(1) Twelve miles SE of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on "Back Levee Canal" 39° 40' longitude, 29° 35' latitude. Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, is located approximately 38 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) [redacted]
Arabi, Louisiana
Occupation - Locomotive Firemen

(2) [redacted] (Age 32)
[redacted] (Pines Village)
New Orleans, Louisiana
Occupation - Part owner Marine Business
Phone [redacted]

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observer described weather as clear, ten per cent dark clouds in sky, easterly winds at eight (8) MPH, temperature 72° F.

(2) According to U. S. Weather Bureau Office, weather conditions at Alvin Callender Field (10 miles from Pointe-a-la-Hache) at 0400 hours, 15 August 1960, were reported accordingly:

(a) Winds - Direction 045°, 2 knots velocity
(b) Ceiling - High scattered clouds
(c) Visibility - Unrestricted, 10 miles visibility
(d) Amount of cloud cover - three tenths of sky covered
(e) Thunderstorms in area - None reported
(f) Temperature - 81° F.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None

j. The operations Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Station advised that there is no record of flights of any type from the Naval Air Station by any units during period of sighting of unidentified object.

k. It is the opinion of the New Orleans Detachment Commander that the object in question appears to be the reflection of Echo I and/or disturbance in the atmosphere caused by same.

l. None

4. In addition to the "sighting" reflected above, [redacted] in interview with the Detachment Commander at New Orleans, advised that he saw a similar object at the same time and location on 16 August 1960. According to [redacted], the same characteristics, conditions, and elements set forth in paragraph 2 above concerning the first sighting are also applicable to his second sighting on 16 August with the exceptions that (1) [redacted] was not with him, and (2) he actually saw the object appear. [redacted] related that, while he was boating down Back Levee Canal in a SE direction at 0400 hours on 16 August 1960, he looked up at the sky in the same direction in which he and [redacted] had seen the object the day before. At first glance he saw

nothing unusual in the sky, and then suddenly he saw an explosion which immediately formed a bright round yellow object similar to that which he and [redacted] had seen on 15 August 1960. The object changed shape within four minutes and elongated into a "mustache" shape. After ten minutes, the object was covered by a dark thunder cloud and was not seen subsequently. [redacted] advised that he had no idea what the object was. He concluded that he was certain it was not Echo I as he had seen Echo I go by about an hour prior to the appearance of the object in question.

5. The New Orleans Detachment Commander advised that [redacted] expressed himself calmly and factually in describing the sighting and that he has no reason to question the sincerity or reliability of the information reported.

FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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SUBJECT: UFO Sighted 15 August 1960 Six Miles Southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Back Levee Canal

TO: Commander
Keesler Technical Training Center
Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi

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1. The following information is furnished to your command in accordance with provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

2. On 17 August 1960, Mr. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that on 15 August 1960, at 0400 hours, he and a friend ([redacted], while boating down "Back Levee Canal", seven miles southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, La., noticed a bright yellow round object, in a stationary position in the sky at approximately 60° to 70° to the horizon in a north-east direction. [redacted] estimated the object to be as large as a medium sized grapefruit. According to [redacted] the object's shape was round for about two minutes after which it elongated and changed its color to a silvery yellow. After ten minutes elapsed, a dark thunder cloud formation covered the object and subsequently neither he nor [redacted] saw the object again that day.

3. [redacted] was interviewed on 17 August 1960 by the Detachment Commander, Detachment 907, 9th District OSI(IG), New Orleans, Louisiana, at which time he furnished the following information in reply to specific questions outlined in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959:

a. Description of Object:

(1) Shape - round
(2) Size - size of grapefruit (medium)
(3) Color - color of moon (bright yellow)
(4) Number - one (1)
(5) Formation - N/A
(6) Any discernible features or details - Glowed like moon - bright. Round for approximately two minutes then it elongated and changed color to silvery yellow.

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(7) No trail or tail
(8) Sound - no sound
(9) Other pertinent or unusual features - Object was similar looking to cloud and not metalic or solid.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer: Observer happened to look up at sky and brightness of the object attracted his attention.
(2) Angle or elevation when first observed: 60° to 70° from the horizon - NE direction. Observer was unable to furnish a factual or approximate distance or height of the object.
(3) Angle or elevation upon disappearance - 60° to 70° NE. Object was covered by cloud after having been seen ten minutes and was not subsequently seen by observer that day.
(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - Object appeared in same location during entire period of sighting.
(5) How did the object disappear - Covered by cloud formation.
(6) How long was the object visible? Approximately ten minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual
(2) Optical Aids - none
(3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) Between 0400 - 0430 hours (CST) 15 August 1960
(2) Light conditions - dark

e. Location of observer:

(1) Six miles SE of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on "Back Levee Canal" 89° 40' longitude, 29° 35' latitude. Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, is located approximately 38 miles south of New Orleans, Louisiana.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) [redacted]
New Orleans, Louisiana
Occupation - Part owner [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]

Ltr, 9th Dist OSI(IG), Barksdale AFB, La., Subj: UFO Sighted 15 August 1960 Six Miles Southeast of Pointe-a-la-Hache, Louisiana, on Back Levee Canal

(2) [redacted] (Age 40)
Arabi, Louisiana
Occupation - Locomotive Fireman

g. Weather conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observer described weather conditions as cloudy, dark rain clouds, fair visibility. Wind blowing from easterly direction at approximately 25 MPH. Temperature estimated at 80-85° F.

(2) According to U. S. Weather Bureau Office, weather conditions at Alvin Callender Field (10 miles from Pointe-a-la-Hache) at 0400 hours, 15 August 1960, were reported accordingly:

(a) Winds - Direction 045°, 2 knots velocity
(b) Ceiling - High scattered clouds
(c) Visibility - Unrestricted, 10 miles visibility
(d) Amount of cloud cover - three tenths of sky covered
(e) Thunderstorms in area - None reported
(f) Temperature - 91° F.

h. No unusual activity reported by Weather Bureau which might account for sighting.

i. None

j. The Operations Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Station advised that there is no record of flights of any type from the Naval Air Station by any units during period of sighting of unidentified object.

k. It is the opinion of the New Orleans Detachment Commander that the object in question appears to be the reflection of Echo I and/or disturbance in the atmosphere caused by same.

l. None

4. The New Orleans Detachment Commander advised that [redacted] expressed himself calmly and factually in describing the sighting and that he has no reason to question the sincerity or reliability of the information reported.

FRANK M. CLARK
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Hq Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Commander, 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your organization.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMANDER:

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Lt. Col. USAF
for JOEL E. MALLORY
Colonel, USAF
Command Inspector General

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Hq 4602d Air Intelligence Service Squadron (ADC), Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

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SUBJECT: (CONFIDENTIAL)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT Sighted
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of Ringgold, Louisiana, on 25 April 1957
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TO: Commander
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1. Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary are two (2) copies of report by S/A DONALD E. RIELLY, DO #9, file 24-208, dated 15 May 1957.

2. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

~~3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30e(2)(a), AFR 205-1.~~

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Major, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-208

DATE 15 MAY 1957

REPORT MADE BY DONALD E. RIELLY, S/A lf

REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

PERIOD 1 - 3, 6, 10 May 1957

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

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Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report is prohibited and will be considered a violation of AFR 205-1 and AFR 205-6.

Investigation requested by Commander, Barksdale AFB, La. Mr. [redacted], civilian, reported in letter to Commander, Barksdale AFB, La., that at 0230 hours, 25 April 1957, he saw a large, red, crescent-shaped object descend from the sky into a grove of trees near Ringgold, La. Results of interview with [redacted] set forth. Local Agency Check negative concerning [redacted]. Barksdale officials report no weather phenomena or aircraft activity which could be attributed to sighting. No additional witnesses located. Air search conducted in vicinity of sighting with negative results.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was verbally requested by the Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, on 2 May 1957; and confirmed in letter signed by Lt. Col. R. C. STECHMAN, Deputy Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, dated 6 May 1957; and is based upon information received in a letter dated 27 April 1957, signed by [redacted], Civilian, [redacted], Ruston, Louisiana, in which [redacted] reported that he observed a large, red, crescent-shaped object descend from the sky as he was driving near Ringgold, Louisiana, at 0230 hours, 25 April 1957.

AT BARKSDALE AFB, LOUISIANA

2. On 1 May 1957, Major LOWELL D. PYLE, 15619A, Base Operations Officer, furnished Headquarters, 9th District Office of Special Investigations, a letter addressed to "The Commanding Officer, Barksdale Field, A.F.B., Shreveport, La," postmarked Ruston, Louisiana, on 27 April 1957, with return address "[redacted], [redacted] St., Ruston, La." The contents of this letter are set forth as follows:

"Ruston, La
April 27th

"Dear Sir:

"I would like to tell you about something I saw at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning - April 25th. I had gone fishing to the dam at Lake Bisteneau. A storm came up with terrific lightning and I decided to go to Ringgold, La. until morning. Six miles from Ringgold I was driving slowly because of the torrential rain and as I started up a hill I noticed a huge thing in the sky just ahead. It was shaped like a half moon - like this"(drawing). "It was red like blood and I stopped the car and rolled the window down and could see it more clearly. It slowly drifted down and settled in a grove of trees approximately a half mile away. I couldn't estimate the size until I saw the trees and it covered several of them. It continued to glow as it rested on them. I rushed to the top of the hill and aroused a family. I asked the man in the house to go over to it with me but he refused because of the down pour of rain.

"My wife said I should report it to the proper authorities so if you are interested, contact me. I believe I can take you to it as I tried to mark the spot.

"Respectfully yours

[redacted]
Ruston, La

"P. S. I don't drink and this was definitely 'something'."

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3. On 2 May 1957, Major DON H. L. ANDERSON, AO 421734, Commander, Detachment 19, 26th Weather Squadron, was interviewed and from records available in his office furnished the following information concerning weather conditions at time of the reported sighting:

Moon at one-quarter, rising at 0100 hours
Overcast at 9,500 feet
Scattered clouds at 8000 feet
Visibility ten (10) miles
Temperature 65 degrees
Dewpoint 62 degrees
Numerous thunderstorms in area
Pressure unsteady
Winds at surface, South 2 - 16 Knots, variable; 6,000 feet, 240 degrees, 20 knots; 10,000 feet, 50 degrees, 40 knots; 16,000 feet, 260 degrees, 25 knots; 20,000 feet, 280 degrees, 35 knots; 30,000 feet, 210 degrees, 25 knots; 50,000 feet, 250 degrees, 30 knots.

ANDERSON related that above data pertained to conditions at Barksdale Air Force Base, which is twenty-five (25) miles WNW of Ringgold, Louisiana; that he had received no information concerning unusual activities or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. ANDERSON mentioned the possibility of a hydrogen-filled weather balloon being struck by lightning and igniting, but he did not know whether or not the U. S. Weather Bureau was using hydrogen in their balloons.

4. Mr. J. E. LUNNEY, Meteorologist at Shreveport, Louisiana, office, U. S. Weather Bureau, was interviewed telephonically on 2 May 1957. LUNNEY advised that helium, not hydrogen, is currently being used in their weather balloons and therefore it is impossible for them to ignite. LUNNEY informed the writer that a radisonde release was made from his station at 0234 hours, 25 April 1957; that the run was normal with descent at approximately 0400 hours.

AT RUSTON, LOUISIANA

5. [redacted] previously identified, was interviewed on 3 May 1957 and furnished information which was substantially the same as stated in his letter of 27 April 1957. [redacted] related that this was the first time he had ever witnessed anything of this nature and he was positive that what he saw was real; he was certain he could find the spot where he saw the object settle on the ground; that he had reported the incident to the radio operator in the Marshal's office at Ringgold, Louisiana. When asked by the writer to accompany him to the location of the sighting, [redacted] explained that he could not leave his duties as manager of the store (Turner's 5 & Dollar Store) as the owner was out of town and a sale was in progress; that he had intended to return to the location of this object with the writer on Sunday, 5 May 57, but his wife had made plans for a dinner engagement. [redacted] stated that he had gone back to the dam at Lake Bisteneau to go fishing the day following the sighting but did not return to the location. [redacted] gave the writer a detailed description of the location where he saw the

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object settle on the ground, which was in a grove of trees one-half mile from the main highway six (6) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, behind a small white house near a church located on the left side of the road driving from Ringgold. [redacted] gave the following answers to specific questions outlined in Air Force Regulation 200-2:

a. Shape: Crescent.

b. Size: Large as 4 or 5 room house, covered 12 or 15 trees.

c. Color: Bright red - scarlet.

d. Number: One (1).

e. Formation, if more than one: N/A.

f. Any discernible features or details: Solid color not affected by lightning flashes.

g. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

h. Sound: None.

i. Other pertinent or unusual features: Hung in sky like cradle and did not change position during descent.

j. What first called the attention of the observer to the object: While driving automobile toward Ringgold, Louisiana, in torrential rain, appeared all of a sudden directly ahead in sky. [illegible]

k. Angle of elevation when first observed: Approximately 45 degrees.

l. Angle of elevation upon disappearance: Ground level.

m. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Steady but slow descent at about sixty degree angle from south to west of observer. Path - to Northwest winds - from West. See page 3

n. Manner of disappearance of object: Disappeared while observer was attempting to summon residents of house at roadside.

o. Length of time in sight: Approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.

p. Time and date of sighting: 0230 hours, 25 April 1957 (250830Z APR)

q. Light conditions: Night.

r. Position of observer: At house next to church, six (6) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, on State Highway 154.

s. Name of observer: [redacted] Age: 42 years (DOB: 9 Aug 15); Mailing Address: [redacted]t., Ruston, La.; Occupation: Variety Store Manager.

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6. On 3 May 1957, F. B. WILDER, Deputy Sheriff in charge of criminal records, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, informed the writer that he had no information concerning ROBERTSON.

7. On 3 May 1957, records made available by BETTY B. KENDALL, Clerk of City Court, contained no information concerning [redacted].

AT RINGGOLD, LOUISIANA

8. Mrs. [redacted] Route 1, was interviewed by the writer on 3 May 1957. [redacted] stated that a man had awakened her husband and her in the early morning hours of 25 April 1957 and asked her husband to accompany him to the area behind their house where he stated he had seen a large red object settle in the trees from the sky; that her husband refused because it was raining very hard at the time. [redacted] informed the writer that her husband, who was not at home at time of interview, had looked for the object from the house, but did not see anything. [redacted] said her husband had expressed curiosity about this matter and was going out in the area and look around at the first opportunity but had not yet attempted a search as recent rains had flooded the ground upon which the object was reported to have landed. [redacted] took the writer's name and phone number and agreed to call if anything was found in that locale. The writer observed the terrain from a rise on the ground adjacent to the [redacted] home, but could detect no unusual feature in the area upon which the object was reported to have landed. A detailed search on foot was not considered practical because of the flooded condition in that area.

9. On 3 May 1957, [redacted], stated in interview that a man had reported seeing an unusual object out on Highway 154 early in the morning of 25 April 1957, but he had not recorded this person's name and had not investigated. [redacted] related that he heard a jet aircraft fly over the town about 0130 hours the same night and associated the sighting with the exhaust flare of the aircraft. [redacted] informed the writer that his office had received no other reports of anything unusual being observed in that vicinity.

10. [redacted], Soil Conservation Service, was interviewed by the writer on 3 May 1957. REES displayed a large aerial photographic grid map of the section in which the object was reportedly sighted and pin-pointed the location as described by [redacted]. REES stated that he owned some land near that location and had been out there since 25 April 1957, but had not observed anything unusual. REES took the writer's name and phone number and stated that he would instruct personnel in his department to be on the lookout for anything unusual in that area and would call the writer if anything was found. According to the map in REES' office, the grove of trees in which the object was reported to have landed was four and one-half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, one-half mile south of Louisiana State Highway 154.

AT BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA

11. On 6 May 1957, Major LOWELL D. PYLE, Base Operations Officer, was furnished information to be reported by his office in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2 and contained in paragraphs 3 and 5, supra. PYLE stated that he had checked and ascertained that the sighting could not be attributed to air operations.

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12. On 10 May 1957, Lt. Col. JAMES T. BROTHERS, 10045A, Staff Operations Officer, informed the writer that an air search conducted on 9 May 1957 in the vicinity of the reported sighting did not reveal evidence of anything on the ground which could be connected with the incident reported by [redacted]

~~13. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.~~

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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10D-24-0-53

16 February 1950

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED ON 11 FEBRUARY 1950
AT WACO, TEXAS BY MR. AND MRS. [redacted]
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Two accounts appearing in the WACO NEWS-TRIBUNE on 13 February and 14 February 1950 report that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] of Waco, Texas observed two "flying saucers" in the sky over Waco at 2230 hours, 11 February 1950. According to the newspaper, the observers reported that the objects looked like "two little moons" traveling at a high rate of speed in a northerly direction; that the vehicles left no afterglow or trail; the leading edges were not as bright as the trailing edges: that the circumference lines were not quite straight, "as if they might have been spinning." (Evaluation: F-6)

2. DETAILS: The following item appeared on page 1 of the WACO NEWS-TRIBUNE Monday, 13 February 1950:

"FLYING SAUCERS" BELIEVED SIGHTED IN WACO

> [redacted] of Waco reported seeing two flying saucers late Saturday night.
>
> When he spotted the glowing disks in the sky, he called to his wife, who also saw them. Mr. [redacted] says he then called another couple who were in the house with them, but by the time the other people reached the door the saucers were gone.
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> The objects looked like two little moons traveling at terrific speed, [redacted] stated.

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3. The following item appeared on page 7 in the WACO NEWS-TRIBUNE, on Tuesday, 14 February 1950:

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TWO "FLYING SAUCERS" SEEN BY WACO COUPLE

Two "flying saucers" were reported whisking through the night sky over Waco late Saturday by Mr. and [redacted] [redacted] of [redacted]

"The objects looked like two little moons traveling at terrific speed coming from the direction of Temple and heading north about where Elm Street leaves Waco," [redacted] stated.

He and his wife came outside about 10:30 p. m. Saturday just after the clouds had broken up over Waco. They were looking at the stars which had been visible only rarely during the past week, [redacted] related.

Suddenly they both saw the greenish objects, about half the size of a full moon, pass overhead. Mrs. [redacted] called to another couple indoors to come out, but by the time they arrived at the door, the dimly "glowing missiles" had disappeared in the north. [redacted] estimated it took the "discs" which remained about the same distance apart from each other, about 2 or 3 seconds to pass overhead.

Asked if he thought the objects could have been meteors, [redacted] said they left no afterglow or trail of fire, and were not glowing brightly, just a greenish tint. He said the front ends were not as bright as the rear parts of the discs, and the circumference lines were not quite straight, as if they might have been spinning.

Meanwhile, the [redacted] spent Saturday and Sunday night watching for a re-appearance of the objects, but so far have seen them no more.

4. ACTION: No action taken by this office pursuant to instructions contained in AFOSI Letter No. 85, 8 February 1950.

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15 February 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED BETWEEN ROCK SPRINGS AND MOUNTAIN HOME, TEXAS ON ROUTE 41, 2 FEBRUARY 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted], civilian, of Fort Worth, Texas reported to the Corporation Judge of the City of Del Rio that he had observed a disc-shaped plane flying between Rock Springs and Mountain Home, Texas on 2 February 1950. [redacted] allegedly stated that he heard a loud hissing sound and observed an odd looking plane about 700 feet away coming from an easterly direction and flying low; that the weather was misty with scattered clear spots; that the object was traveling at a high rate of speed; that steam or vapor was streaming from the rear to a distance of about 10 feet; that the craft appeared to be about 35 - 40 feet in diameter and 12 - 13 feet thick in the center; that all surfaces appeared to be smooth and no fins observed; that no part of the plane appeared to revolve or have a spinning motion. (Evaluation: F-6)

2. DETAILS: In a letter of 6 February 1950, addressed to the Commanding General, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, ARTHUR C. KENNEDY, Corporation Judge, City of Del Rio, Texas related that on the morning of 3 February 1950, one [redacted], a salesman of [redacted], Fort Worth, Texas appeared at the Del Rio Police station and inquired as to whether an FBI Agent were located there; upon being advised that the FBI Agent was out of town, by Mr. KENNEDY, he indicated that he had some information concerning a flying disc.

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3. According to Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. [redacted] then disclosed that while traveling from Kerrville to Del Rio on 2 February 1950, he stopped his car on Route 41, about 20 miles east of Rock Springs, at about 1630 hours; that while standing next to his car, he heard a loud hissing sound and upon looking in the direction of the sound he observed an odd looking plane, about 700 feet away, coming from the east and flying low. He further related that the weather was misty with scattered clear spots; that the plane crossed the highway between 150 - 200 feet from the car and at a height he estimated to be about 600 feet; that the plane then turned and made a complete circle in a small valley to the northwest of the highway, completing the circle near where he was standing, and then moved at a high rate of speed in a westerly direction. According to Judge KENNEDY, AARON described the plane as follows:

a. Disc-shaped with a contour of a three-quarter moon;

b. Color: Grayish white;

c. No markings;

d. Slight hump on upper surface near center, resembling a somewhat flattened canopy;

e. Steam or vapor was observed streaming from the rear for a distance of about 10 feet;

f. Appeared to be 35 - 40 feet in diameter and about 15 - 18 feet thick in the center;

g. The bottom section had two slight recesses estimated to be between [illegible] - 3 feet in diameter, located diagonally from each other and near the outer edges;

h. When approaching, the front edge of the plane appeared to oscillate or vibrate in a vertical motion;

i. All surfaces appeared to be smooth and no fins observed except for what appeared to be rivets of about 3/4" - 1" in diameter and spaced in rows running from front to the rear, between 18 - 20 inches apart;

j. The plane traveled very fast, the speed being difficult to estimate, but he guessed it to be about the speed of our fast planes;

k. No part of the plane appeared to revolve or have a spinning motion.

4. Judge KENNEDY concluded his letter by stating that [redacted] appeared to be a man in his late twenties and above average intelligence; that he stated that he had served in the Air Force; that he appeared to be earnest and sincere in the statements that he made.

5. ACTION: No action taken by this office pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 85, 8 February 1950.

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KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

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29 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted 35 miles southeast of
Clovis, New Mexico, on 20 March 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SYNOPSIS: CHARLES O. WIEDMAN, 1st Lieut., USAF, 17474A, appeared at the Connally AFB Detachment, 10th District OSI, on 24 March 1950, to report the sighting of unconventional aircraft. WIEDMAN reported that he observed a white object travelling at an estimated speed of 2,000 miles an hour at 0115 hours on 20 March 1950. He reported that the object appeared to be spherical and luminous when first sighted; that because of its velocity, distance, altitude and size were difficult to estimate.

2. DETAILS: 1st Lieut. CHARLES O. WIEDMAN, USAF, 17474A, appeared at the Connally AFB Detachment, 10th District OSI, Waco, Texas, on 24 March 1950, to report the following: That on the morning of 20 March 1950, he was flying from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Lubbock, Texas; that he had just finished taking a "fix" on radio compass at 0115 hours Mountain Time, and had established his position as 35 miles southeast of Clovis, New Mexico, when he noticed a white object approaching from about eleven o'clock; that the object was travelling at a speed which he estimated to be 2,000 miles per hour; that the object passed his T-6 aircraft and disappeared behind the ship in a matter of seconds. WIEDMAN further stated that when first sighted, the object appeared to be spherical, white and luminous,

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but as it passed on his left he noticed that it appeared to become elongated in shape and that the rear sections appeared to be a light bluish lavender; that a very definite and easily visible stream of matter, resembling a vapor trail, was left behind. WIEDMAN also stated that he was flying a magnetic heading of 97°, and estimated course of the object to be about 260°; that he was flying 9,500 feet and that the object was several thousand feet above him, and that the extreme velocity made distance and altitude and size difficult to estimate.

3. **ACTION:** No further action taken by this office.

RALPH H. SCHALLER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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12 April 1950

SUBJECT: Study of "Aerial Phenomena"

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington, 25, D. C.

Forwarded herewith is a summary of the "Aerial Phenomena" incidents which have been reported and investigated within the 10th District OSI, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. This report is submitted in accordance with verbal instructions of General Carroll while at the 17th District OSI on or about 30 March 1950.

RALPH H. SCHALLER
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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL CARROLL:

SUBJECT: Study of "Aerial Phenomena"

1. A review of the files on "Aerial Phenomena" contained in the 10th District OSI files #24-0 and #24-39, of which there are approximately forty cases, indicates that the following generilizations are pertinent to the investigation:

a. The observations of the individuals who have reported sighting the so-called "flying discs" have been at all times during day and night; however, about 70% of those on file have been after the hours of darkness, ranging from 1800 hours to 0200 hours.

b. Most of the observations have been sightings of single objects; however, about 10% of the sightings have indicated there were two or more, with the maximum being four.

c. The observations have been made by both military and civilian personnel. The predominance of the military sightings have been in the vicinity of Camp Hood. The military sightings comprise 75% of the sightings on record in this office. No particular observation can be made regarding the sightings of the civilian personnel; they have been in metropolitan or interurban areas.

d. In practically all cases, with one or two minor exceptions, the estimate of speed of the "aerial phenomena" have been in supersonic speeds, ranging from 800 to 2,000 miles per hour. This conclusion is arrived at in that the individual method of expressing speeds, ranging from azimuth readings converted into linear miles per hour, through military persons, by artillery observer giving feet per second, to pilot estimates of speed given in miles per hour; i.e.,

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(1) One civilian giving an estimate range of one-quarter mile with an azimuth movement of 170 degrees in three minutes, which converts to approximately 335 miles per hour.

(2) A military observer's estimate of 3,000 feet per second, which converts into approximately 2,000 miles per hour.

(3) A military pilot's estimate of 2,000 miles per hour.

e. Weather, as a factor in these cases, does not seem to be of major importance; there are four sightings in which the alleged disc or "fire ball" was sighted near or in the vicinity of thunder storms that were active at that time; however, most of the cases on hand have clear weather or with a small amount of clouds as climatic conditions prevailing at the time of the sightings.

f. The estimated altitude of the "aerial phenomena" at the time of the observations seem to be predominantly in the lower altitudes, ranging from two to eight thousand feet; however, there are several incidents in which the estimated altitude of the object was 20,000 feet or above.

g. Visual phenomena associated with the passage of the "flying discs" are approximately equally split; as having a long tail; and as to those which have no such visual evidence of an appendage during its passage through the air at high speed.

h. Most cases of these observations have reported an absence of all sound with the passage of the phenomena; however, there are a few which have reported a hissing sound, which cannot be described in any other manner.

i. It is the universal opinion of all persons interrogated in the reports reviewed that the objects were of a smooth contour, with no proturberances for control or method of propulsion.

j. The described sizes of these "aerial phenomena" in most cases, conform to that expressed in the following illustrations: a civilian service station attendant described the object as being approximately the size of the disk in a passenger type motor vehicle; another

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civilian described it as being the size of a full moon; still a third described it as being the size of a volley ball. As illustrated, each of these conforms to general shape and size in a uniform manner. It should be pointed out, however, that in none of the investigations on file in the 10th District Office, is there any further description of saying at what distance the comparative object is to be held from the eye; this leaves some doubt as to this comparative size.

k. In all cases, the object and the vapor trail or tail attendant thereto was of a uniform color; however, the color used in describing the object in each case varies from a blue-white through bright red to orange.

l. A tabulation of the sightings indicates that they fall in a line from northwest to southeast, originating in the vicinity of Camp Hood, and terminating in the vicinity of New Orleans, with a few individual sightings to the east and west of this general line.

2. In most of the cases on file in the 10th District, distribution has been through OSI channels only, primarily between the 17th District and the 10th District Offices, however, in accordance with a letter from Headquarters, OSI dated 2 June 1949, this subject, and letter, Headquarters, OSI, 20 May 1949, copies of reports were sent to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and to the Director of Intelligence, USAF.

3. Attached to this report as Inclosure No. 1, you will find a copy of the minutes of the meeting of a conference on "aerial phenomena" held in the conference room, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, at 1300 hours, 16 February 1949. Herein are expressed the views of several scientific people which might be an aid in the digesting of these phenomena.

4. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: It should be pointed out that each one of the approximately forty observations contained in the investigative files of the 10th District is diverse, in that the intelligence of the individual, the scope and range of experience, and the ability to express oneself is widely diversified in each case. The homely expressions, the excitability of the individual under stress, the acuity of the memory in each case is a questionable factor. The investigative technique in the form of the report is not uniform throughout. All these factors tend to downgrade the authenticity of the overall report. The above comments are the opinion of the undersigned as to the factors which are common to all or most of the reports reviewed.

Memo, fr Dist. Comdr., 10th Dist OSI, to Dir. of Special Investigations, Subj: "Study of 'Aerial Phenomena'", 12 April 1950

5. It is the opinion of the undersigned that the "phenomena" do exist, but that the haphazard pursuit of information and the lack of coordination of investigative effort including scientific research into this matter makes it a problem that cannot be resolved at the present time.

6. It is recommended that the matter be brought before a proper command at the headquarters level, with a recommendation to that command that a coordinated scientific effort be made to establish an explanation of this phenomena.

Ralph H. Schaller

RALPH H. SCHALLER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Los Alamos Scient. Lab.,
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FROM: OSI, Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

TO : CS USAF, Washington D.C., Attn: OSI

[illegible] 6 July 1950

Ref ur msg AFOSI [illegible] and 10 Dist [illegible] and regarding flying saucer.

Major Joseph F Wadsworth, 8044A, of the Maint Div, Kelly AFB, visited scene of object at Alice, Texas, at approx 1030, 4 July 1950 and was advised by [redacted], that the object was turned over to Marines from Corpus Christi, Texas at approximately 1030, 4 July 1950. [redacted] stated that the object was constructed of 2 BT-13 type aircraft wing tips.

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FROM: OSI Kelly AFB Texas

TO : OSI CS USAF Washington DC

[redacted] 5 July 1950

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The fol as appeared in the San Antonio Express 5 July 1950 explains rptd flying saucer Alice Texas:

"Clever prankster caused uproar Alice Texas with homemade flying saucer. Police Chief Hieschelmer and [redacted] of the Alice Daily Echo made inquiries which revealed that the homemade object had been made at the local airport. The principal part of the object was the rounded tip of an airplane wing. Hieschelmer brought the object to the Police Sta".

No action being taken by this office.

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FROM: OSI KELLY AFB SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

TO : CSAF WASH D.C. OSI

NR : NONE 4 Jul 50

Report recd fr FBI, SAA Antonio office, that FCZAS Reports flying saucer landed between Alice Texas Airport and Alice Texas at approx 1130 AM this date. Object is approx 4 to 5 feet in diameter. Object bears NBR array 147A with additional words in English "Do not touch". Object appears to have two radio aerials and has slots or holes which appear to be rocket or jet devices. Alice, Texas Police have placed guard around object to keep large crowds of people away from it. Initally reported by U.C. Bond CAA representative at Alice Texas to W. F. Con, Air Route Traffic Control Center San Antonia. Info has been given to CG SAAMA. No action being taken this office pending instructions your Headquarters.

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DISTRICT COMMANDER, 10th OSI DISTRICT(IG)
Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas

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From AFOSI your flying saucer message 4 Jul 50.

Request object be further identified through contact with competent technicians that have been to the scene of the landing. Investigation authorized if necessary to secure such evaluation. Reply soonest.

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Attached for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned subject, dated 27 July 1950.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted over San Antonio, Texas
on 23 July 1950
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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: On 23 July 1950, at 1800 hours, M/Sgt [redacted] supervisor, Lackland AFB, and family, while at their home, [redacted], San Antonio, Texas, observed an unidentified flying object pass over San Antonio in a north-easterly direction.

2. DETAILS: At 1800 hours on 23 July 1950, M/Sgt [redacted], while standing in backyard of his home, noticed a strange object flying at a very high altitude south-west of San Antonio. INFORMANT immediately called to his wife and daughter to come and see a flying saucer. INFORMANT stated that at the time, he was only "fooling" his family, however, after looking at object for a few seconds he realized that the object was not an aircraft. According to INFORMANT, object was egg-shaped (length of object parallel to line of flight); appeared to be approximately 10" in diameter, a silver color, traveling in a north-easterly direction at 500 to 700 miles per hour at a very high altitude. (Sky at time of INFORMANT'S observation had a few scattered clouds; otherwise visibility was unrestricted.) INFORMANT estimated that object was in sight for approximately twenty seconds. INFORMANT noticed no smoke emanating from object, however, at one time he did notice a bright flash

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from object similar to the light ~~of a~~ photo flash bulb. INFORMANT stated that this flash could have been a reflection from the sun.

AGENT'S NOTE: INFORMANT has been in the Air Force for several years and appears to be very familiar with various aircraft and weather balloons of the Air Force. INFORMANT was very sincere concerning his and his family's observation and was thoroughly convinced that the object which they observed was not an aircraft.

3. ACTION: No further action taken by this office.

for James R. [illegible], Deputy
RALPH H. SCHALLER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Attached for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report concerning subject above, dated 31 October 1950. No further action is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

The following information was received from Headquarters, 4th Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1. Synopsis: On 29 September 1950, Sgt. MARION ORLOVICH, 8457 MP Company, Sandia AFB, observed an unidentified aerial object. Observation was made at 0445 hours, at which time Sgt. ORLOVICH was driving a jeep in the Igloo area of Sandia AFB.

2. Details:

a. Date of observation - 29 September 1950.
b. Exact time of observation - 0445 hours (local).
c. Place of observation - Igloo Area, Sandia AFB.
d. Position of observer - Igloo Area in jeep -- south road along the fence going East.
e. What attracted attention to object - Movement of light.
f. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping - one.
g. Apparent size - Larger than jet, smaller than bomber.
h. Color of object - Bluish-yellow flame, such as exhaust.
i. Shape - appeared slightly oblong with a cut-off rear from which flame and sparks were coming.
j. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead) - approximately 50 degrees from zero.
k. Direction from observer - (Angle clockwise from north) - 50 degrees directly over Site A.
l. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be) - Over A -- approximately 6 miles.
m. Direction of flight of object - Northwest to Southeast.
n. Time in sight - 3-4 seconds.
o. Speed - Approximately 350 to 400 MPH.
p. Sound and odor - None.
q. Trail - Bluish with yellow fringes. Length: 4-5 feet. Flames: Approximately 8 feet wide.

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r. Luminosity - Brighter than exhaust observed on B-36 or B-29 and similar to jet.

s. Projections - None other than flame.

t. Maneuvers - Straight course.

u. Manner of disappearance - Over mountains.

v. Effect on clouds - None.

w. Additional information concerning object - None.

x. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting - Clear, moon, light and warm.

y. Name and address of observer - Sgt. MARION ORLOVICH, 8457 MP Company, Sandia AFB.

Occupation and hobbies - Previous Navy service, routine aircraft spotting instruction.

3. Action: No investigation conducted in accordance with instructions of AFOSI letter No. 85.

for James R. Smith
RALPH H. SCHALLER
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Attached for your information is a report of investigation from District #10 concerning above captioned subject, dated 16 October 1950. No further action is contemplated unless so requested by your Directorate.

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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O
ATTN: Lt Col H. D. Willis

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Maj. Detwiler/amb/71776
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Herewith for your information is Spot Intelligence Report, dated 19 January 1951, regarding subject. Distribution of the inclosure has been made to AMC.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Synopsis: At 2245 hours on 8 January 1951, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] of Waco, Texas, while driving from Fort Worth, Texas to Waco, Texas, observed several groups of strange lights in the sky at an altitude of 1000 feet. (OSI-F-0)

2. Details: On 12 January 1951, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were interviewed at their residence at [redacted]aco, Texas and stated as follows:

> "We were returning from Fort Worth, Texas, at approximately 10:45 p.m., 8 January 1951. After leaving the super highway coming out of Fort Worth and entering U. S. Highway 81, we drove over a slight hill approximately five to eight miles south of the intersection of the super highway and U. S. Highway 81. As we crossed the top of the hill, we saw a series of lights in the sky and at first it appeared to be a water tower or a radio tower. We then looked to the right and to the left and saw other bunches of lights identical to the ones over the highway. We pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. We noticed approximately 200 yards ahead of us two other automobiles which had pulled off to the side of the road, apparently to watch the same lights we were observing. We pulled our car up behind these other two cars, at which time one car drove off.

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The driver of the second car came back to our car and stated that he had been watching these lights and had never seen anything like it before. These lights over the highway appeared to be 1000 feet and on a vertical plane. Two of the lights were green and the third light was red, forming a triangle. There were three of these triangles in the group over the highway, making one large triangle. We looked to the east of Highway 81 and could see another triangle. We saw three lights approximately three to five hundred yards to the east, and to the west we noticed three to four groups of lights arranged in the same manner. Tjese lights appeared to be five to seven hundred yards to the west of the main group over the highway. We stood outside the car and observed these lights, which were stationary at first. After a short while we noticed that the group of lights over the highway began moving north in the direction of Fort Worth, Texas and we estimated the speed of these lights to be 100 miles per hour or less. The two green lights appeared to be moving to the north followed by the red light. We looked at the group of lights in the east. They had also started to move north toward Fort Worth. The group of lights on the west appeared to be moving toward Fort Worth, but traveling at a speed of approximately twice that of the group over the highway. We noticed that the group of lights to the east of the highway and to the west of the highway appeared to be on a horizontal plane. These lights did not blink and resembled the lights on a water tower or radio antenna. As these lights moved away a sound resembling an outboard motor trolling in the distance could be heard. We observed these lights for approximately five minutes and from our observation, agreed that the distance between the lights in each of the smaller triangles was ten to fifteen feet. Knowing that several air fields were in the vicinity of our location, we did not introduce ourselves to the man in the other car but drove on toward Waco. The other automobile was a 1946 or 1948 Plymouth coupe with a National Guard tag on the rear license plate. This person stated to us that he was just coming from a National Guard meeting. We noticed that shortly after driving off, the National Guardsman turned to the left off the main highway and therefore, we assumed that he lived in that immediate vicinity. We had been in Fort Worth on business and had not touched as much as one bottle of beer."

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Subject: "Aerial Phenomena", Dated 19 Jan 51, File 10D 24-0

3. No further action is contemplated by this Headquarters.

Don G. Baylor
for
RALPH H. SCHALLER
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Hq. AMC, w/1 Incl
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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Strange light, which might possibly have been reflected by unconventional aircraft, sighted by three persons in the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas, on the evening of 24 July 1951.

2. DETAILS: On 31 July 1951, Sgt [illegible] D. STACY, AF 11 187 423, and Cpl JOSEPH E. HEWITT, AF 17 256 094, both of the 1923d AACS Squadron, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, were interviewed concerning their sighting of a strange light on the evening of 24 July 1951, which light they thought might possibly be that reflected by an unconventional aircraft. Sgt STACY and Cpl HEWITT, both of whom are Control Tower Operators at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, related [illegible] the following information: On the evening of 24 July 1951 Cpl HEWITT was on duty as Control Tower Operator at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. At approximately 2100 hours he received a query from Sgt [illegible], Control Tower Operator at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, concerning a strange light northeast of Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, which appeared to be passing from west to east and which had been sighted by a civilian policeman of San Antonio, Texas. Cpl HEWITT advised Sgt [illegible] that no such light had been observed, but that a lookout would be maintained for the presence of any such light. Cpl HEWITT unsuccessfully attempted to determine if the light as reported by Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, might be the passing light of some aircraft or weather balloon. Between 2100 and 2130 hours, Sgt STACY and Cpl HEWITT observed a yellow light due west of Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Both HEWITT and STACY described the light as follows:

a. The yellow light appeared to have no definite shape but was just "a blob of light" which appeared to be slightly larger than a red

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obstruction light. [redacted] described the color as being somewhere between lemon-yellow and orange-yellow [redacted] described the color as amber. The object appeared to be by itself, that is one light, and because of the distance, which neither airman could estimate, no aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed or sound could be observed. The light appeared to make a slow gradual descent toward the horizon until it disappeared from view.

b. The light was sighted between 2100 and 2130 hours CST and was seen for approximately five (5) minutes.

c. The sighting of the light was made visually with the aid of binoculars.

d. Both airmen sighted the light from the Control Tower at Kelly Air Force Base. It was located in a westerly direction, approximately in the vicinity of Hondo, Texas.

On 31 July 1951, Sgt LEON V. MINOR, AF 16 284 403, 1923-2 AACS Detachment, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, was interviewed concerning the sighting of the strange light seen by him in the evening of 24 July 1951. Sgt MINOR, who is a Control Tower Operator, related in substance the following: At approximately 2045 hours on 24 July 1951, MINOR was telephonically advised by a civilian policeman, that he had just observed an unusually bright light in the sky which appeared to be traveling at a great rate of speed from west to east. MINOR immediately searched the sky in the direction from which the civilian policeman had made his telephone call, and at a distance of 20 - 30 miles directly east of Brooks Air Force Base and directly south of Randolph Air Force Base, MINOR detected an unusually bright light which appeared to be traveling at a speed of between 600 - 700 miles per hour, at an altitude of 5000 - 7000 feet. MINOR queried Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for information concerning aircraft which might reflect such a light, but the query met with negative results. Personnel in the Randolph Air Force Base Control Tower advised that they could not see the object; however, their failure to see the object could possibly be attributed to the fact that MINOR momentarily lost the light when it passed into a cloud. MINOR at a later time resighted the light traveling from an east to west direction toward Hondo, Texas. MINOR described the light as follows:

a. The light appeared to be a round object two - three inches in diameter, orange-white in color. MINOR estimated the speed from 600 - 700 miles per hour, at an altitude of 5000 - 7000 feet. The object continued in a straight and level flight.

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b. [redacted] first sighted the object at 2047 hours CST and observed it for approximately 40 seconds; he resighted the object, after losing it, at 2126 hours and observed it for approximately one minute.

c. Observation was made visually with and without the aid of binoculars.

[redacted]observed the object from the Control Tower at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. Weather and wind conditions, obtained from teletype sequence of Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, are as follows: 2030 hours, 24 July 1951: Broken clouds at an estimated 13,000 feet, 15 miles visibility, wind east-southeast at nine (9) miles an hour. 2130 hours, 24 July 1951: Clear, visibility 15 miles, southeast wind at [illegible] miles an hour.

3. ACTION TAKEN: Two (2) copies of this report directed to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS.

JOHN G. [illegible]
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Information on Unconventional Aircraft

30TH AIR DIVISION (Defense)
Selfridge AFB, Michigan

Cincinnatti, Ohio

19 September 1951

12 September 1951

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Capt. David H. Weisberg, Asst Dir of Intell

Mr. [redacted] Cincinnatti, Ohio)

ADC Letter 200-1

1. The unconventional, unknown object sighted by Mr. [redacted]. [redacted] was dark in color, shaped like a bullet, travelling at a high rate of speed on a heading of approximately 315 degrees; at approximate altitude of 20,000 feet.

2. All available supplementary sources of information checked, reveal no facts that appear to be of any assistance in determining the objects identity.

David H. Weisberg
DAVID H. WEISBERG
Captain, USAF
Asst. Director of Intelligence

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1. An unconventional unidentified "object" was observed visually by Mr. [redacted]oad, Cincinnati 13, Ohio sometime between 0615Z and 0620Z, 12 September 1951.

2. The following remarks are the result of an interview between Mr. [redacted] and the investigating officer: (Statements contained in this paragraph are not confirmed and reflect only the opinions of Mr. [redacted]. The object sighted by Mr[redacted] was the shape of a bullet, and about as large as a B-29. Dark in color, and apparently made no sound as it travelled through the air. There was a red glow at the front and a white vapor at the tail. Mr. [redacted] said that the object travelled at a great rate of speed, and flew in a path parallel to the curvature of the earth. Object was at an approximate altitude of 20,000 feet, travelling on an approximate heading of 315 degrees. Mr. [redacted] sighted the object while standing in the Pennsylvania Railroad Yards, immediately to the north-west of Lunken Airport, four miles east of Cincinnati. The object was in sight for approximately ten (10) seconds, then disappeared behind Mt. Lookout, approximately one and a half miles to the north-west. Reliability of the observer cannot be judged. No contact with his employer was possible at the time of interview, however the investigating officer felt the observer to be a rational, sincere person.

3. Weather teletype sequences at the Greater Cincinnati Airport between 12 September 0528Z and 12 September 0828Z were as follows: 12 September 0628Z 015⊕ 67/57 ⊕ 7/005; 12 September 0728Z 015⊕ 67/56 ⊕ 7/005, 12 September 0828Z 015⊕ 66/56 ⊕ 10/004.

4. Conversation with Dr. Herget of the University of Cincinnati Observatory indicated no unusual meteoric activity during the period.

5. Conversation with Marjorie Phillips, [redacted] Greater Cincinnati Airport indicated no local aircraft in flight at that time.

6. In a teleconference between the Department of Commerce Weather Bureau and the Greater Cincinnati Airport Weather Observer, it was brought out that a winds aloft balloon, was released at Greater Cincinnati Airport the night of 11 September 1951 at 0300Z. It carried an electric lighting unit and moved north north-east from the station and was lost at [illegible] at a distance of 9.5 miles.

7. In a telephone conversation with the Louisville, Kentucky weather observer, it was indicated that a winds aloft balloon was released at 0300Z 11 September 1951 at Louisville (Standiford) Airport, and travelled in a north easterly direction. It also carried a lighting unit.

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8. In a discussion with the weather forecaster at Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Cincinnatti, it was determined that a balloon released at Louisville, Kentucky could be seen at Cincinnatti if the winds aloft were turbulent enough to restrict the balloon's travel. On the morning the object was sighted, the weather was clear, making turbulence improbable; therefore making improbable the possibility of the balloon being seen four and one half hours after release at Louisville.

9. An analysis of the foregoing information can arrive at no definite conclusion as to the identity of the object in question. One observation, with no other confirmatory information compels an F-6 evaluation.

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SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Objects	
AREA REPORTED ON Lubbock, Texas—4th Army Area	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office 3500th Pilot Training Wing, Reese AFB, Tex.

DATE OF REPORT 21 Sept 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 Sept 1951	EVALUATION A-2

PREPARED BY (Officer) 1/Lt. John A. Farley	SOURCE Mrs. [redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
CSI-23-9-103, ATIAA-2A

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

The sighting of an unknown aerial object over US highway 70, 2½ miles north of Matador, Texas was reported to the local Matador newspaper on 31 August 1951 by Mrs. [redacted] who lives about 5 miles north of Matador, Texas on the same highway. Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed by the reporting officer on 18 September 1951.

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Wing Intelligence Officer 3500th PTW, Reese AFB, Texas	OA-1-51	2 of 2

Mrs. [redacted] stated that at approximately 1145 hours CST 31 August 1951, as she and her daughter, Mrs. [redacted] Lawton, Oklahoma, who was visiting her, were driving to her home approximately five (5) miles north of Paducah, Texas, their attention was drawn to a strange aerial object drifting across US highway 70. Mrs. [redacted] first noticed the object and it was a few seconds before she drew Mrs. Tilsom's attention to it. When Mrs. [redacted] saw the object it was drifting slowly in an easterly direction about 150 feet above the terrain and approximately 300 feet in front of the car. About the time she saw it, it began a rapid asent and moved away to the east in a circular direction in a matter of a few seconds.

The location of the sighting was about 2½ miles north of [redacted]S highway 70. The terrain to the west of the road is rolling for about 10 miles to a line of foothills. The land is sparsely to heavily wooded by mesquite thickets with the first 300 yards open flat terrain. To the east the land is flat for approximately 30 miles, sparsely wooded, and the first 1000 yards is open. At the time of the sighting, Mrs. [redacted] estimated the automobile was traveling between 40 and 50 MPH.

The object sighted was described as looking like a yellow pear-shaped tomato, aluminum or silver in color that reflected the sunlight readily. It had a door, window, or something similar located at a point where the object began to taper toward the smaller end. Only one object was sighted and it moved through the air with the small end forward. No noise, exhaust, wings, or visible means of propulsion were observed. Mrs. [redacted] could not estimate the speed but did say she thought the object was about 40 feet long and 16 feet in diameter.

She stated the sun was shining brightly with very little wind. The 1230 hours Reese Air Force Base observation was as follows: Estimated ceiling 6000 feet, broken clouds, thin broken clouds at 25,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, temperature 87°, dew point 60°, wind from the east northeast at 9 knots per hour. The 1230 hours Childress, Texas observation was as follows: Estimated ceiling 25,000 feet overcast, visibility 15 miles plus, temperature 90°, dew point 60°, wind from the north northeast at 7 knots per hour, towering cumulus in the northwest quadrant.

COMMENTS of Reporting Officer:

Mrs. [redacted] is a housewife residing with her husband some five (5) miles north of Paducah, Texas on US highway 70. She seemed to be a very mature woman, in her middle fifties, above average mentally, and in complete use of her faculties. Her report, in the estimation of the reporting officer, would be classified as reliable.

It is the recommendation of this officer that Mrs. [redacted], Lawton, Oklahoma, be interviewed to get her version of the sighting as she was the first to notice the object and observed it for a greater length of time.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
10TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, KELLY FIELD, TEXAS

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8 November 1951

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
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Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Strange object was sighted by JACK LARNED, Detective, San Antonio, Texas Police Department at 0715 hours on 7 November 1951. This object reflected a light as if it might have been the sun's rays reflected from an airplane. It was travelling at a tremendous rate of speed across the horizon from west to east.

2. DETAILS: On 7 November 1951 Mr. JACK LARNED, Detective, San Antonio Police Department, was interviewed concerning his observance of a strange object reflecting a light as if it might be an airplane reflecting the sun's rays. This alleged object was travelling at a tremendous speed and was sighted at 0715 hours across the horizon from west to east. LARNED's description is as follows: LARNED stated that while driving to work on 7 November 1951, he turned north on Cato Blvd., located in the north section of San Antonio, Texas. Looking straight ahead, he saw an unknown object crossing the horizon from west to east with a speed of a shooting star. The object remained within his vision for two (2) seconds, going out of sight over the horizon. Further, this object showed no signs of being a meteor as there was no trail of fire observed. LARNED could not estimate the height at which the object was travelling except to state that it appeared to travel with the contour of the earth and was far enough away from the point from which he was viewing it that he need only look straight ahead. LARNED estimated the size of this object as that of an airplane at the furtherest visual range and travelling at such high speed that he expected it to disintegrate any moment. Further, this object appeared to be in controlled flight as it seemed to stay on a parallel with the earth.

The following weather report was given by the Kelly AFB Weather Office:

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On 7 November 1951 at 0630 hours the weather was clear with fifteen (15) miles visibility; pressure 291; temperature 36 degrees; dew point 33; wind calm; altimeter30.37.

The weather reads as follows at 0730 hours on 7 November 1951: weather, clear,fifteen (15) mile visibility; pressure 295; temperature 44 degrees; dew point 35; wind, calm; altimeter 30.38.

The following radio transcriptions used in news broadcast from Station KABC, San Antonio, Texas on 7 November 1951:

The following news item was broadcast over radio station KABC on the 12:00 PM news, Wednesday, 7 November 1951:

"A lot of conflicting reports are being received about the meteor that flashed across the Texas skies around 7:15 this morning. For instance, Waco residents say it appeared to be only five-hundred to seven-hundred feet overhead, and appeared to fall in the nearby Brazos River. At Wichita Falls, the 'Ball of Fire' appeared to flash across the sky to the north, moving west to east. At Amarillo, the meteor seemed to be moving from north to southeast, in the eastern part of the Texas Panhandle. Some say it disintegrated over the south plains; others say it disappeared just north of Gainesville in the Red River Valley area.

"A few things are certain: It was an extremely bright meteor, resembling a miniature sun during its brief trip through the atmosphere. It lasted only about ten seconds. Residents in four states saw the phenomenon -- from Central Texas to Western Arkansas, to Central Oklahoma, and westward to Tucumcari, New Mexico."

The following news items was broadcast over radio station KABC on the 6:00 PM news, Wednesday, 7 November 1951:

"That meteor which caused such a sensation yesterday morning probably fell to earth in fragments in the neighborhood of Hinton, Oklahoma-just west of Oklahoma City. At least, that's the guess of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, an authority on meteors at New Mexico University. He says that a Fort Worth astronomer, OSCAR E. MONNIG, expects to search for fragments in the Oklahoma area."

3. ACTION TAKEN: Two (2) information copies of this report forwarded to Commanding General, AMC. No other action contemplated by this office.

cc: CG, AMC

JOHN G. SHOPE
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-39/6 — DATE 12 June 1952 REPORT MADE BY REUBEN STRICKLAND, S/A
TITLE Unusual Aerial Phenomena Sighted from Gonzales, Texas, and Vicinity	REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas PERIOD 20-21 May 1952 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas STATUS CLOSED

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REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, based on information from FBI Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [redacted] Gonzales, Texas, and two other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. Investigation revealed that [redacted]R, [redacted], and [redacted], all of Gonzales, Texas, had observed an aerial phenomena east south east of center of Gonzales, summer of 1951. [redacted]R and [redacted], Gonzales, Texas, had seen two (2) unusual aerial objects, one while driving through Shiner, Texas, and one while driving on Highway #3 at Oak Forest, Texas. One was unusual because it appeared to vanish into a ball of fire, and the other because it had no markings or insignia. Mrs. [redacted] and husband saw an unusual circular aerial object while driving south on Highway #3, approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. Acquaintances stated reliability of [redacted] and [redacted] might be questionable. All other interviewees were considered reliable.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the District Commander based on information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Field Office, San Antonio, Texas, that [redacted] Gonzales, Texas, and two (2) other persons had observed an unusual aerial phenomena on an unspecified date in the summer of 1951.

AT GONZALES, TEXAS

2. On 20 May 1952, Mr. [redacted], Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and related that he had witnessed unusual aerial phenomena on three (3) different occasions. He stated that the first pehnomena that he had seen was approximately one (1) year ago in either June or July 1951. He had observed the object around noon one day while standing in front of his [redacted] Gonzales, Texas. He gave the following information concerning the sighting of this object:

Q. Date of Observation?
A. Summer of 1951 (June - July).

Q. Exact time of observation (Local)?
A. Noon, approximately.

Q. Place of Observation?
A. In front of [redacted] Street, Gonzales, Texas.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Standing on sidewalk.

Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Looking up to check TV antenna on top of his shop.

Q. Number of objects?
A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?
A. Size of fighter plane at 3/4 mile distance.

Q. Color of object?
A. Aluminum - shiny.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Egg shaped - slightly longer than around.

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Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. 45° angle up from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. 30 degrees.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. North of east to east.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Two (2) or three (3) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Traveling slow in forward direction - 5° - 10° while in sight.

Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound. No odor.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?
A. Two (2) miles through air, one and one-half (1½) miles ground distance, about edge of town.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?
A. No trail.

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandesence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. No lights - shiny.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. Had four projections - similar to four leaf clover with rounding ends. Had circle band around center that was rotating in clockwise direction. Circle had fins similar to water wheel. Circle appeared to turn slowly - able to see it turn. No other projections.

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc.)?
A. Appeared to make bank. Band may have been part of clover leaf shapes.

Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Disappeared behind a cloud. Another airplane approached to within 1/4 mile of object.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Effect on clouds?
A. Clouds did not effect vision while in sight. No effect on clouds.

Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. None.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Clear day, visibility unlimited. Sun shining. No haze.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Open vision.

Q. Name and address of observer?
A. [redacted]

Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. [redacted] Hobbies - making of model airplanes, all types. Attended B-29 Air Mechanic School at Amarillo, Texas, 1945 in service. Had course in Aircraft Identification.

The second phenomena he saw was on a Monday shortly after Valentine's Day 1952. The object had been observed while he and his brother, [redacted] Street, Gonzales, Texas, were driving on Main Street in Shiner, Texas, going north. The object was seen first while going north on Main Street and then again after the turn on Main Street was made which caused them to then be traveling in a west north west direction. It was considered unusual because it disappeared into what appeared to be a ball of fire. The [redacted] gave the following information concerning the sighting of the object:

Q. Date of observation?
A. On Monday sometime after Valentine's Day in February 1952.

Q. Exact time of observation (Local)?
A. 5:30 to 6:00 PM.

Q. Place of observation?
A. Saw object while on Main Street in Shiner. Object again observed at city limits of Shiner on Hallettsville and Gonzales Highway.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Riding in car. 40 MPH.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Just happened to see object while on Main Street. Disappeared from view and reappeared as above.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object.,ie., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?
A. Size of single engine plane at 3/4 mile distance.

Q. Color of object?
A. Alluminum in color.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Unable to make out any features - maybe oval.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. 22½ degree angle from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North)?
A. About 300° from north.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. Traveling from east to west.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Fifteen (15) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Traveling normal speed of fighter plane at first sighting - from second sighting until disappeared (size of fighter plane) it disappeared in matter of 2 - 3 minutes.

Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound or odor.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?
A. First sighting 3/4 mile - second sighting 1 mile.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?
A. None.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. One-half (1/2) minute after sighting second time a bright light (as bright as sun) appeared. Sun and object were together for comparison. Not a reflection of sun off object. Light lasted about fifteen (15) seconds.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. Unable to distinguish if had any projections.

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Straight line of flight.

Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Distance became so great object disappeared.

Q. Effect on clouds?
A. Clouds had no effect on visibility. No effect on clouds.

Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. None.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Sun was setting, visibility unlimited, good light.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Viewed through windshield of car. View clear.

Q. Name and address of observer?
A. [redacted]

Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. Attending High School. Airplane and Hot Rod enthusiast. Builds model aircraft.

The third aerial object seen and described by [redacted] and [redacted] was seen on 24 April 1952 while they were driving toward Seguin, Texas, on Highway # 3. The first sighting was made at Oak Forest, a small community on Highway # 3. It was observed while they drove approximately twelve (12) miles along Highway # 3 toward Seguin from Gonzales. They stated that it was an unusual aerial object because they could not see any propellers, markings, or insignia on the tail section of the craft.

Q. Date of observation?
A. 24 April 1952.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?
A. 1330 hours.

Q. Place of observation?
A. At Oak Forest, north of road, Highway # 3.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Passenger in car on way to Seguin, travel at 55 MPH.

Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Looking at sight were TV antenna had been installed by SHULER. Just checking to see if antenna was errected properly.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One object.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object., i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist or arms length)?
A. About the size of two (2) engine Transport Airplane.

Q. Color of object?
A. Aluminum but not bright and shiny. About the same color as B-29 Aircraft unpainted.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Shape of an airplane - rudder - wings - nacelle, belived to have an elevator. Trailing edge of tail seemed to coincide with rudder.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. 45° from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. Object was north of observer traveling in a westerly direction - saw it over about a 45° angle from north toward west.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. East to west.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Fourteen (14) - fifteen (15) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Estimated speed - 120 MPH.

DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Sound and odor?
A. Heard no sound over car noise. No odor.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over
- which object appeared to be)?
A. One-half (1/2) mile from observer.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?
A. No trail.

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection incandesence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. Dull finish - no brilliance.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. Wings, rudder - necelles (one on each side of fusilage).

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Straight path of flight.

Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Went out of sight by distance.

Q. Effect on clouds?
A. No clouds.

Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. No windows, no propellers, no identification marks, no circles, no numbers.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Clear, visibility unlimited, sunshine.

Q. Name and address of observer?
A. [redacted]

Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. Radio and TV technician. Hobbies - making of model airplanes, all types. Attended B-29 Air Mechanic School at Amarillo, Texas, 1943 in service. Had course in Aircraft Identification.

Q. [redacted] of observer?
A.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Exact time of observation (Local)?
A. 1330 hours.

Q. Place of observation?
A. At Oak Forest, north of road, Highway # 3.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Passenger in car on way to Seguin, travel at 55 MPH.

Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Looking at sight were TV antenna had been installed by [illegible]. Just checking to see if antenna was errected properly.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One object.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object., i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist ar arms length)?
A. About the size of two (2) engine Transport Airplane.

Q. Color of object?
A. Aluminum but not bright and shiny. About the same color as B-29 Aircraft unpainted.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Shape of an airplane - rudder - wings - nacelle, belived to have an elevator. Trailing edge of tail seemed to coincide with rudder.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. 45° from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. Object was north of observer traveling in a westerly direction - saw it over about a 45° angle from north toward west.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. East to west.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Fourteen (14) - fifteen (15) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Estimated speed - 120 MPH.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. Attending High School. Airplane and Hot Rod enthusiast. Builds model aircraft.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Wore no glasses - clear view.

3. On 20 May 1952, Mr. [redacted], [redacted] South, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated that sometime in May or June 1951 while standing on the sidewalk with [redacted] at 720 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, Texas, he had observed an unusual aerial phenomena. [redacted] gave the following information concerning the sighting:

Q. Date of observation?
A. May - June 1951.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?
A. 1400 hours.

Q. Place of observation?
A. Standing in front of [redacted] Street, Gonzales. Only two (2) who saw object.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Standing on street.

Q. What attracted attention to object?
[redacted] pointed it out to [redacted].

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?
A. Big as moon. Silver color.

Q. Color of object?
A. Silver.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Cylindrical - about round.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. 75° angle from horizon.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. 90° from north, clockwise.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. South from east.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Ten (10) - twelve (12) seconds.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Ten (10) to twelve (12) degrees, or traveling approximately one (1) degree per second.

Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound or odor.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be?
A. 8000 - 10000 feet high, 3/4 mile land distance, over about city limits.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.)?
A. Appeared to have had a light trail, black smoke.

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. Nothing luminous.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. No projections.

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Straight flight - maybe slightly climbing.

Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Disappeared behind a cloud.

Q. Effect on clouds?
A. Medium high scattered clouds. Object out in open while visible. Believes object came out of one cloud and into another. Object had no effect on cloud it entered.

Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. Object appeared flat and had a sliding motion forward.

DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Weather - medium high clouds, sun shining.. Visibility unlimited.

Q. Name and address of observer?
A. Mr. [redacted]S.

Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. [redacted] Gonzales, Texas. Reads books and many articles concerning "flying saucers", all the articles he can find. Not able to identify conventional aircraft.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Usually wears glasses - can see further without glasses - was not wearing glasses at the time.

Mr. [redacted] further stated that he was very interested in "flying saucers" and read all the books and articles he could find on them. He stated that he believed there were such things and explained that they generated their power through magnetic force and also through absorbing energy from the sun during the day which made them glow at night. Mr. [redacted] further advised that it was his opinion that these objects were from other planets, Mars or Venus, because he did not think scientists on earth had knowledge enough to develop such objects. Mr. [redacted] also stated that it was his opinion that these objects from another planet had to have inlets to land in or on, therefore, it was his opinion that it is quite likely one (1) or more of these objects have landed in the inlets along Lower California and that the occupants are probably presently living with Indians in that region.

Mr. [redacted] was seriously injured in a fire approximately two (2) years ago, losing a leg, parts of fingers, and seriously injuring his hands.

While interviewing Mr. [redacted], Mrs. [redacted] was introduced to the writer and when she learned what Mr. [redacted] was being questioned about she made the remark: "I bet I could see a "flying saucer" if I went out and looked for one long enough and used my imagination".

4. On 21 May 1952, [redacted], [redacted]et, Gonzales, Texas, PFC, U. S. Army, was interviewed and stated that in approximately April 1951, while he was standing in front of [redacted] Street, Gonzales, Texas, talking to [redacted], he had sighted something unusual flying through the air. [redacted] deemed it unusual because it appeared round in shape, was of very shiny material and no sound or means of power could be noted. [redacted] gave the following information concerning the sighting of the aerial object:

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Date of observation?
A. April of 1951.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?
A. Three (3)-four (4) PM.

Q. Place of observation?
A. Standing in front of [redacted], Gonzales, Texas.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Standing on sidewalk.

Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Probably shining reflection attracted attention.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?
A. About the size of a full moon.

Q. Color of object?
A. Silver (shiny).

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Looked round - but glare was too great to note shape - unknown whether flat or long.

Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. Approximately 60° from horizon.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. Approximately 135° from north.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. Going up at 60° angle and straight away from observer.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Three (3) minutes.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. Moving up and away - unable to estimate speed and no change in angle of sight.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound. No odors.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be?
A. Estimate one (1) mile from observer to object. Was approximately over fair grounds or cotton mills in edge of Gonzales, approximately 1/2 mile away.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?
A. No trail.

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance)?
A. Reflection of about brightness of sun reflecting off chrome on real bright day.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. Unknown.

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Was climbing straight ahead to south south east.

Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Just went away into the distance.

Q. Effect on clouds?
A. No clouds remembered. Real bright clear day, visibility unlimited.

Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. Never saw anything like it before or since. Doesn't believe it was a conventional plane.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Weather clear, visibility unlimited, nothing to obstruct vision.

Q. Name and address of observer?
A. [redacted], [redacted], Gonzales, Texas

Q. Occupation and hobbies?
A. U. S. Army, light anti-aircraft gun crew. 9th Grade High School. Since he has been in the Army, May 1951, he has studied aircraft recognition and still thinks it was other than known type aircraft.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Does not wear glasses, 20/20 vision. Used no seeing devices.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

3. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. [redacted] Street, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed in reference to [redacted] phenomena she had seen near Gonzales, Texas, approximately in October 1951. The object had been sighted while she and her husband were driving toward Gonzales on Highway # 3 approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales. As they reached the summit of a small hill the object appeared straight ahead and at first it was believed to be a grayish cloud with a white circle around it. Upon closer observation, by both she and her husband, it seemed to be something other than a cloud and it was moving as if there was some means of power propelling it. Mrs. [redacted] stated she did not know if the object was of a solid material or not. She further stated that if she had been alone and the only person to have seen it she would have considered it a figment of her imagination, but since her husband also saw it and after they had discussed what they saw, they decided it could have been a "flying saucer". Mrs [redacted] gave the following information concerning the aerial phenomena:

Q. Date of observation?
A. Approximately eight (8) months ago.

Q. Exact time of observation (local)?
A. Four (4) - five (5) PM.

Q. Place of observation?
A. Approximately one (1) mile north of Gonzales on Highway # 3.

Q. Position of observer (air, car, building, location of - give details)?
A. Driving automobile south on highway.

Q. What attracted attention to object?
A. Looked up when came over hill and it was right in front.

Q. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping?
A. One.

Q. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length)?
A. Round, about two (2) yards in diameter.

Q. Color of object?
A. Center looked white, creamy - was about two (2) feet in diameter. Outer ring was a darker grayish white.

Q. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object)?
A. Outer ring was round, unable to determine depth, inner ring looked circular but more than on one circle. Looked like smoke.

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Q. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead)?
A. Approximately 30°.

Q. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from north)?
A. Directly south.

Q. Direction of flight of object?
A. Flight was from east to west.

Q. Time in sight?
A. Probably one-half (1/2) minute.

Q. Speed (time to cover given angular distance)?
A. One-half (1/2) minute to cover 15°.

Q. Sound and odor?
A. No sound. No odor.

Q. Distance from observer (distance to town, building, etc., over which object appeared to be)?
A. One-half (1/2) mile from observer. Was between observer and Gonzales, Texas.

Q. Trail (color, length, width, persistance, etc.)?
A. No trail.

Q. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandesence, other - degree of brillience)?
A. Outer edge of outer ring seemed to have light reflecting from it as sun shining on aluminum.

Q. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.)?
A. None.

Q. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path)?
A. Straight course of flight, seemed to float.

Q. Manner of disappearance?
A. Observer moved down hill then the object was beyond the hill out of sight.

Q. Effect on clouds?
A. Sun was shining - some clouds in the background. Object stood out prominent from clouds. No effect on clouds.

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DETAILS (Cont'd)

Q. Additional information concerning object?
A. Thought it could have been a cloud at first then decided it wasn't. Finally thought it could have been a "flying saucer" since they had heard and read about them.

Q. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting?
A. Weather clear - sun shining, visibility unlimited.

Q. Name and address of observer?
A. Mrs. [redacted]treet, Gonzales, Texas.

Q. Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?
A. Wears glasses all time - had them on at time. Saw through windshield - was clean. Able to recognize aircraft.

Mr. [redacted] was not available for interview, however, Mrs. [redacted] stated they had recently discussed the object and what she had stated was also the views of Mr. [redacted].

6. On 21 May 1952, Sheriff I. G. McGINTY, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, advised that he has known the following persons ten (10), fifteen (15) and thirty (30) years respectively and considered them to be completely reliable and truthful. None had ever been in any trouble and were respected citizens of Gonzales, Texas:

Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mrs. [redacted]

Sheriff McGINTY further advised that he did not know [redacted] but knew his father very well and that he worked for the City of Gonzales. He advised that he considered [redacted] father reliable and trustworthy, and that he had no reason to doubt [redacted] son ([redacted]) being of the same caliber person.

7. On 21 May 1952, Mr. [redacted] Gonzales State Bank, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed concerning the reliability, honesty, and character of the following persons:

Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
Mrs. [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] advised that he only knew Mr. [redacted] through banking business and, therefore, he was unable to attest to the credibility of any information

DETAILS (Cont'd)

Mr. [redacted] might relate. Mr. [redacted] advised that he had known Mr. [redacted] all his life and that he believed [redacted] was of good character and trustworthy, however, he had some doubt about the credibility of information received from [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] might be inclined to seek publicity. He based this on the way [redacted] would greet him whenever they met, which was quite frequently. [redacted] would greet him ([redacted]) as if they had not seen each other in months when in fact it may have not been over a day or two since they had spoken to each other. Mr. [redacted] further advised that he did not know just how to express what he meant, but that [redacted] was peculiar in a way and might exaggerate the truth or supplement it through his imagination.

Mr. [redacted] advised that he had known Mrs. [redacted] for many years and believed her to be completely reliable, honest, trustworthy, and that any information she related would be credible.

8. On 21 May 1952, Mrs. [redacted], Chamber of Commerce, Gonzales, Texas, was interviewed and stated substantially the same as Mr. [redacted] concerning the honesty, character, and credibility of Mr. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] further advised that Mr. [redacted] was honest, trustworthy, and reliable, but that he had changed considerably since he had been injured in a fire and that at present, she was somewhat doubtful about the credibility of information he might relate because he seemed to read and think a great deal and then use his imagination to supplement the facts. Mrs. [redacted] further stated that she did not wish to imply that anyone of the three (3) persons would make up a complete falsehood or that they were not basically honest, truthful, dependable, and reliable.

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SAN ANTONIO AIR FORCE STATION
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2100 NORTH NEW BRAUNFELS AVENUE
SAN ANTONIO 8, TEXAS

26 September 1960

Reply to
Attn of: 10D INV 24-0

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Director, Special Investigations

1. The following information was reported to the OSI Detachment Office at Laughlin AFB, Texas by Special Agent WILLIAM E. OGLESBY, resident agent of the FBI at Del Rio, Texas on 19 September 1960:

> OGLESBY advised that he, on this date, had learned from a reliable Mexican informant in Cuidad Acuna, Coahuilla, Mexico, that an unidentified object had been observed to land in a remote area of a ranch owned by [redacted] between Rosita and Cuidad Acuna, Coahuilla, Mexico at 1945 on the night of 18 September 1960. The object, slightly larger than a basketball, first appeared in the heavens traveling in a southeasterly direction from the northwest. It first appeared to be a star, however as it neared the ground, it dimmed to an orange color, appeared to oscillate, then drop to the ground as its light diminished. The object was believed to have dropped in an inaccessible area of the Piedra Blanco Ranch on the adjacent ranch, both owned by former U.S. citizen [redacted]. The informant made no attempt to recover the object, however, on returning to the ranch where he worked, he ascertained that two other ranch hands had observed the phenomenon.

2. FBI Special Agent OGLESBY requested the OSI Detachment at Laughlin AFB, Texas to determine if any alert had been received at Laughlin AFB relative to a lost space vehicle. It was determined that no such alert had been received. Special Agent OGLESBY stated that he would report the information to his office in San Antonio and would take no further action unless otherwise instructed. [illegible] stated that the object fell into an area in which extensive [illegible]ing on horseback would be required to locate it.

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3. The Commander, Laughlin AFB, Texas was advised of the information received from Special Agent OGLESBY. A check by this office of the 733 ACW Squadron, Eagle Pass AF Station, Eagle Pass, Texas, disclosed that no unidentified flying object had been noted by that installation on the night of 18 September 1960.

4. The following information was extracted from the 19 September 1960 issue of the San Antonio Express, a daily newspaper published in San Antonio, Texas:

> "New Soviet
> Satellite?
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> "Trinity University's moonwatch team reported Sunday sighting what may be a new Russian satellite.
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> "A university spokesman said it was sighted at 7:10 p.m. in the North sky, moving in a general pattern south-southwest to north-northeast - much the same as other Soviet satellites.
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> "The Trinity team radioed the Walnut Creek, Calif., Moonwatch team to be on the outlook for the unidentified object if it passed over West Coast skies.
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> "Tteam members speculated that the Russians may have sent up another space vehicle to coincide with Khrushchev visit to the United Nations headquarters."

5. The above is forwarded as a matter of information and possible interest to your Directorate.

Frank H. Woolley Jr

FRANK H. WOOLLEY, Jr.
Lt. Colonel, USAF
For: CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Mrs. [redacted] Kerrville, Texas

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1. In February 1965, Mrs. [redacted], Kerrville, Texas informed the FBI that she had read a book about flying saucers which she had obtained from the local library. The book contained scribbling which Mrs. [redacted] claimed she "deciphered" and subsequently furnished to the FBI. A copy of Mrs. [redacted]' deciphered manuscript is included as an attachment to this letter.

2. In June 1965, Mrs. [redacted] furnished a 50 foot reel of 8mm film to the FBI which allegedly contained a picture of an unidentified flying object taken by her husband in Libya. Included with the film was a letter from her husband explaining how and where he observed the object. From statements made in the letter, her husband is possibly a civilian or military aircraft tower operator in Libya.

3. An examination of the film by Directorate photographic personnel failed to disclose the exact identification of the object. It is possible, however, that the object is a weather balloon or other similar object.

4. In her letter, Mrs. [redacted] indicated that she was due to return to Libya on 11 June 1965 and requested that the film of Tripoli, which was also on the reel, be returned to her.

5. It is requested that Mrs. [redacted]' husband be identified and interviewed concerning the alleged flying object which is contained on the film. If it is determined that Mr. [redacted] believes that the object is a UFO, this information along with that portion of the film, should be furnished to the local intelligence officer for appropriate action. In any event, the remainder of the film should be returned to Mr. [redacted]

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JOHN J. STAHL, JR.,
Directorate of Special Investigations (IG)

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1. Ltr fm Mrs. [redacted] dtd 1 Jun 65 w/1 Atch, Roll of 8mm film.
2. Ltr fm Mrs. [redacted] to Mrs. Rogers dtd 12 Apr 65.
3. Ltr fm Mrs. [redacted] to FBI dtd 1 Jun 65.
4. Deciphered Manuscript prepared by Mrs. [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date June 3, 1965

The enclosed is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force

Film TO DOCC to be returned to mrs. Rogers 15 June 65

Remarks: Please note Mrs. [redacted] plans to travel to Libya on June 11, 1965, in case your agency wishes to contact her before that time.

Enc. (3)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

[redacted]
Kerrville, Texas
June 1, 1965

Dept. of Justice
J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

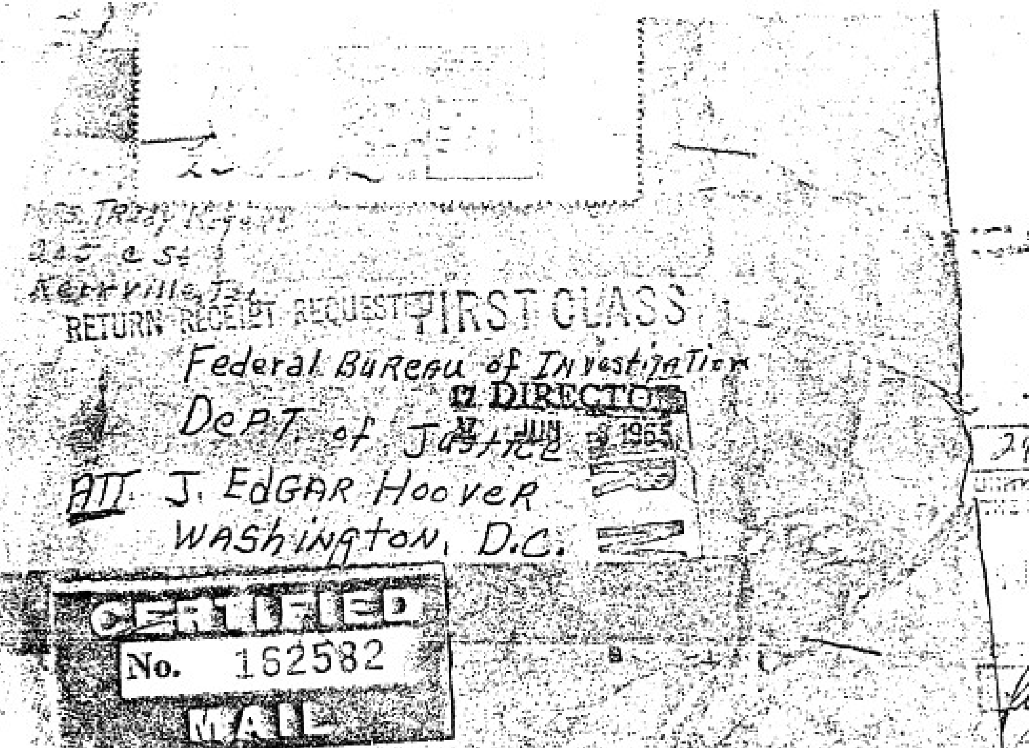
Dear Sir:

Would you see to it that this roll of film reaches U.S. Army Air Force Intelligence as soon as possible? It could be very important.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

[redacted]



Mrs. Tracy Rogers
245 e St
Kerrville, Tex.

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Att. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

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My Dearest Wife [redacted]

Hope that I get a letter from you tomorrow. This is my last morning tower to make this week. I go on evening tower tomorrow.

Yesterday afternoon about 6 30 PM, I seen a triangular ▽ shaped object in the skie. It looked like it might be over the Sudan. I took some pictures of it. The object didn't seem to be moving. It stayed there for a few hours. It wasn't around this afternoon.

I guess I have seen one of your U.F.O. It probably had the Hammer & ~~[illegible]~~ Cicle in it.

June 1st

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a roll of film on which is a triangler object, in a stationary position, which hovered over the Sudan in the Libian desert for several hours. My husband took the film, and to his knowledge, he is the only one who did. I am enclosing a portion of his letter giving a description of it.

The idea of it being from 'outer space' is not in the least alarming, but the thought of it possibly being Russian is very alarming. We know that 'space beings' are not as yet a threat to our planet, but the Russians and Communism are a threat to the entire universe. It would be disastrous for a vehicle of this type to be in their possession. And, it is much too near the underground installations to be ignored, should it be Russian. (I hope it's American)

I hesitated to cut the film because I dont know much about that sort of thing, so would you please return the other portion to me? Thank you. It's of downtown Tripoli.

Those Libian Arabs are illerate, but they are not stupid, and the Communist infiltraters are educating them at an alarming rate.

My son and I are returning to Libya the 11th of June. I hope to take quite a lot of pictures while there.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ATT: J. EDGAR HOOVER
Washington, D. C.

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The Inspector General
Dept. of the Air Force
Washington, D.C.

I understand the reason. 3/5/65 Thank you

Flying Saucers Just Myth, AF Probe Say

Martians Haven't Made It Here Yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — After 18 years of investigating flying objects reports, the Air Force lists 663 sightings as unidentified.

The latest Air Force report, made available to The Associated Press today, showed that 8,908 reported sightings were investigated from 1947 through 1964.

The Air Force evaluated the reports either as identifiable, lacking in data to permit an evaluation or unidentified.

The Air Force report said a sighting is considered unidentified when: "A report apparently contains all pertinent data necessary to suggest a valid hypothesis concerning the cause or explanation of the report but the description of the object or its motion cannot be correlated with any known object or phenomena."

So far, the report said, these firm conclusions had been reached in 18 years of chasing down reports of unidentified flying objects:

1. No such object reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force "has ever given any indication of threat to our national security."

2. No evidence has been submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings classed as unidentified "represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge."

3. There has been no evidence indicating that any of the unidentified sightings are vehicles from beyond earth.

The Air Force said that it "does not deny the possibility that some form of life may exist on other planets in the universe." However, it said, it has identified sightings are vehicles from beyond earth.

The Air Force said that it "does not deny the possibility that some form of life may exist on other planets in the universe." However, it said, it has neither received nor discovered "any evidence which proves the existence and intraspace mobility of intraterrestrial life."

Most of the sightings over the past 18 years have been checked out to be such things as balloons, birds, kites, searchlights, missiles, aircraft navigation and anticollision beacons, jet engine exhausts, astronomical bodies and meteors.

"There are no films, photographs, maps, charts or graphs of unidentified flying objects," the report said.

"The only photographs that have been submitted have been determined to be a misrepresentation of natural or conventional objects or hoaxes," it said.

There was a total of 532 sightings in 1964 — the largest number since 1961 when there were 585 sightings. Only 16 of those reported to the Air Force last year are still classed as unidentified.

Most proved to be satellites.

The investigation of unidentified flying objects is the responsibility of a special "Project Blue Book Office" at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Feb 18, 1965

Dear Friend;

Received your letter of the 10th.

I am sorry that this will have to be short, as I am preparing to leave for Washington D.C. for a series of lectures.

The message which was left with me has been deciphered in Africa two years ago. As a result-the man there then constructed a free power engine. But none of the findings have been published. So I haven't any information of what they were. Of course, there could be other meanings to it as well, but I have none of these either. I will take your findings and reconsider them as soon as I have the time.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely Yours;

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This is all I have. I returned the book to the library, and it is doubtful I could re-do what I have done. I have forgotten.

[redacted]

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date February 16, 1965

The enclosed is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

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OFFICE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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Remarks:

Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20333

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
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February 16, 1965

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Kerrville, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated February 10, 1965. I wish to advise that the facts contained in your communication do not pertain to any matter within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am, therefore, referring your communication to the Director of Special Investigations, The Inspector General, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C., for any attention deemed appropriate.

12 MAR 1965

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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USAF IG
OFFICE OF
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

[redacted]
Kerrville, Texas
Feb. 10, 1965

Dear Sirs:

I checked a book from the local library entitled "Flying Saucers Have Landed" By Leslie, 1953, The British Book Centre, 420 W. 45th St. New York 36, N.Y. (Desmond Leslie and George Adamski.) on page 112, there is a reproduction of a photographic plate that was taken on Nov. 20, and Returned Dec. 13. It is a formula for the Solar energy controlled 'flying saucer'.

The writing is familiar to me, and I am enclosing my interpretation of it, which may or may not be correct or useful. I have no idea of what all this means.

I hope you won't think me a crack pot, because this is submitted in all honesty and good faith. Would you see that it gets to Army intelligence. Thank you.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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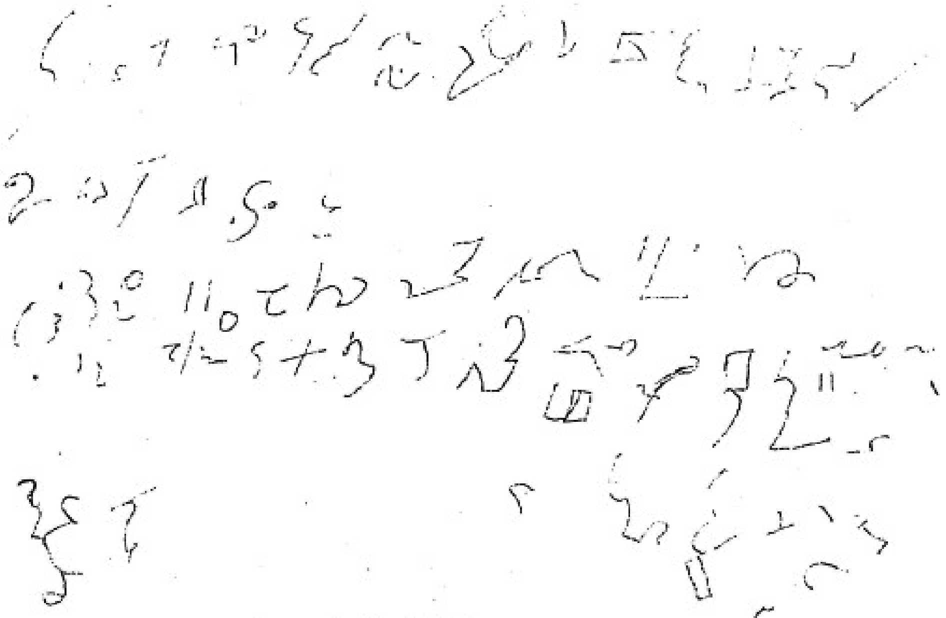

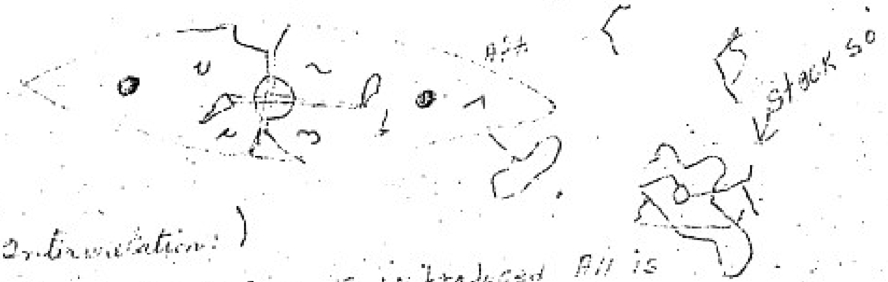

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452.1-AKADB 7 February 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
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ATTN: District Commander
10th OSI District (IG)

Inclosed Summary of Information, this Headquarters, subject and file as above, dated 7 February 1949, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

[redacted], Headquarters Fourth Army, AG Section, reports observing an unidentified aerial phenomena on 20 January 1949 between the hours of 1800 and 1900 (closer estimate given to be about 1835 hours).

The point from which this observation was made is 6.2 miles northeast of the city of San Antonio, Texas, about 150 yards on Judson Road off the intersection of Judson Road and Nacogdoches Road.

In making compass sightings on the azmuth of the observation it was determined that the object was seen between the reading of 325° to 295° off magnetic north with the object traveling in a path believed to have been from the ESE direction to the WNW. Time of travel in this azmuth is estimated to be about 5 seconds. Object when first observed was at an elevation of about 15° and as object went out of sight over a small hill, the elevation had dropped to about 12°.

The object appeared to be in the form of a sphere the color of which appeared to be luminous bluish green intermingled with a yellow tinge. It was moving with a gliding effect from the observer's right to his left and slightly away from the point of observation.

The trail from the object varied in length from approximately three times the diameter of the object to six or seven times the diameter. Color of the trail appeared to be a light pink with bright red sparks spraying from the trail at about one half the distance of the length. (The trail was a straight shot-back trail with these sparks emitted making the only irregularity.)

On investigation it was determined that the following named persons may have seen the object since they are known to have been in the same vicinity as Informant at the time of his observation. They will be interviewed.

Mr. [redacted] Route 3, San Antonio, Texas
Mr. [redacted] believed to be of Converse, Texas. (He handles most of the telephone installation on the Austin Highway between San Antonio and Converse, Texas.)
Two boys identified [redacted].
Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted], and their son.

The persons in charge of the CAA Office, Control Tower, and Airport Manager of the San Antonio Municipal Airport were interviewed. These persons had received no reports of any unusual aerial activity. The port was closed to all commercial aircraft and "one or two" special flights during the evening.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. ____

1. Date of observation 4 December 49 Date of Interview 12 Dec 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2035 hours CST

3. Place of observation: Rural district in southeastern part of Cimarron
(Map Coordinates) County, Okla., about 15 mi southeast of Boise City, Okla.

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Was facing east, unlocking left front door of car. Car facing observer. Fireball was to north on observer's left.

5. What attracted attention to object: Lighted up the area.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): 1/4 size of the moon

8. Color of object: Bright green

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Egg shape - Roman candle effect.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
From 60° to 90°

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): From 360° to 330°

12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Unknown

13. Direction of flight of object (s): North to west.

14. Time in sight: Between one and two seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Unknown

16. Sound and odor: No sound or odor for 3 or 4 minutes after.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None noted

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Object lighted up landscape.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): None - Straight flight.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Burned out suddenly.

22. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sight.

23. Additional information concerning object: After green light disappeared, there seemed to be red burning ashes for fraction of a second. Green light went out before reaching ground.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear - full moon.

25. Name and address of observer: Lt Col W. L. [redacted], Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Occupation and hobbies: [redacted] Security Div., Sandia Base, New Mexico. Hobby: Sports.
Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? No glasses worn. Viewed through clear atmosphere.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA

REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

PERIOD 18 May - 5 June 1949

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Report, 17 May 1949, Special Agent R. R. LUMSDEN, DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

SYNOPSIS

Reports of sighting of unidentified objects in New Orleans, La. on 18, 19, 23 May 1949, submitted by 4th Army on 9 June. Objects were sighted by three housewives, Mrs. [redacted], Mrs. [redacted], and Mrs. [redacted], respectively. On 20 May, object was sighted by [redacted], Tulane University, New Orleans, La. from beach near Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, La. [redacted] saw a total of six objects for a period of approximately 25 minutes. [redacted] is a Lt. Colonel, Air Force Reserve, formerly an Intelligence Officer, and was interviewed by Branch Intelligence Officer, 4th Army, New Orleans, La. On 21 May 1949, between the hours of 2045 and 2100 CST, several unusual objects in the air above Dallas, Texas, were observed by a number of civilian observers. The number of objects varied from twenty to seventy-five, and were in sight for a period from three to six seconds. Objects were moving at a high rate of speed, flying in a fixed curve towards the east, south-east. Observations were made by Mr. [redacted] Mr. and MRS. [redacted], and Mr. [redacted], all of Dallas, Texas. On 19 May 1949, thirteen enlisted men sighted an object in the air above Fort Bliss, Texas. Object was in sight for approximately five minutes. Information received through 4th Army from Hq. Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. On 30 May, two enlisted men of Fort Bliss sighted an object in the vicinity of Fort Bliss, and this was reported through 4th Army, by Hq Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. On 5 June, Capt. [redacted], Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico observed an object in the air near the Depot. Observation was made at 1950 hours, and was in sight for approximately five seconds. This object left a trail of white smoke with the persistence of approximately 15 minutes. Report of sighting furnished by 4th Army.

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DETAILS:

1. Headquarters Fourth Army on 9 June 1949, furnished report of unidentified objects which had been sighted, in New Orleans, La. Three separate reports were submitted on incidents which occurred on 18, 19, and 23 May 1949.

2. At 1630 hours, 18 May 1949, Mrs. T[redacted] Street, New Orleans, La. sighted one unusual aerial object while sitting on the back steps of her house. Informant compared the object to a single engine Naval training craft, stating that it was silver in color, but resembled an ordinary dinner plate. The object was in sight for ten minutes and was approximately 1-1/2 miles distant, moving in a generally east to west direction. Object flew at a level plane and made no maneuvers, but travelled in an end-over-end fashion at a speed comparable to the Naval training plane previously mentioned, and which informant advises she has seen many times. New Orleans BIO making report commented that Mrs. [redacted] report might have been influenced by a discussion with Mrs. [redacted], which is set forth in the following paragraph.

3. On 19 May 1949, at 1615 hours, Mrs. [redacted] JR., [redacted], New Orleans, La. sighted one object in the sky. Her attention was was attracted to the object by the sun's reflection from it. The object appeared to be a flat, round disc, comparable in size to that of a small airplane. Mrs [redacted] saw the object for approximately five minutes, during which time it moved in a direction from east to west. Informant believed the object to be between 150 and 170 miles per hour in speed, and object travelled on a level plane and made no maneuvers. In both of the above incidents the weather was clear and the light conditions were good. Both interviews were conducted on 23 May 1949, and reports were submitted directly to AMC. Copies of original "guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects" on file at DO #10.

4. On 23 May 1949 at 1830 hours, Mrs. [redacted]N, [redacted] St., New Orleans, La. observed on object at a distance of approximately 1-1/2 miles. Informant's thirteen year-old soon first noted the object and attracted his mother's attention. The object appeared to be round, compared to a weather balloon, grey in color, and was moving from south to north-east. Object was in sight for approximately 30 seconds, and informant compared the speed to that of a small observation plane. No maneuvers were noted. Mrs. [redacted] is considered to be reliable, and not in the habit of telling falsehoods, or exaggerating. Report furnished directly to AMC by Fourth Army. Copy is on file at DO # 10.

5. On 20 May 1949, object was sighted at 1620 hours by Mr. [redacted], Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La. [redacted] was interviewed on 31 May by a member of the Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, La. [redacted] stated that at 1625 hours on 20 May, he was lying on his back at the beach in the Pontchartrain Beach area, New Orleans, La. and sighted an unusual aerial object. [redacted] is a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and was formerly an Intelligence Officer. He stated he first saw only one object, but later five smaller objects grouped around a larger one. All were bright and shiny, being silver in color. Shape was flat and spherical. Distance from the observer could not be estimated, but objects were in sight for approximately 23 minutes. The weather was clear with unlimited visibility. Object moved in a large circle over New Orleans Airport. No sound or odor was noticed, and after rotating on a horizontal axis, the object disappeared. Report furnished by Fourth Army direct to AMC. Copy retained in File DO #10.

6. On 21 May 1949, between the hours of 2045 and 2100 CST, several persons observed unusual objects in the air above Dallas, Texas. The weather report for this period was as follows:

> "Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 73°, dew point 62, NNE wind two miles per hour, 29.69 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.
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> "2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.4 milbars, [illegible] temperature, 58 dew point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.
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> "2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, [illegible] temperature, dew point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East."

In an interview on 25 May, Mr [redacted], Dallas, Texas, stated substantially as follows: He is a construction and labor foreman, and at 2100 hours in the front yard of his home, he happened to see a long irregular line of about 75 to 100 objects in the sky. These objects were flat, circular in shape like a smoke ring, were smaller than a man's fist held at arm's length. Objects appeared to be approximately 1-1/2 miles away and were moving from east to west. They were in sight for approximately three seconds, moving at a speed estimated to be 800 to 1,000 miles per hour. [redacted] stated that they were very dim, just enough to see, about like a 5 watt light globe. No maneuvers were observed and no sound or odor noted. Interrogator stated

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that [redacted] is above average in intelligence, and has pronounced ability to judge distances, space and speed; further that he appeared to be reliable and a man of good character.

7. In interview on 24 May 1949, Mr. [redacted], Dallas, Texas, stated that a[redacted] hours, 21 May 1949, from the front yard of 10[redacted] he saw about twenty objects of the same size, evenly spaced, looking like a kite's tail. Objects were described as being about half the size of a man's fist at arm's length, were fluorescent white in color, with slight oscillation. Shape of the objects were circular, but not completely round, more like a clam shell. The objects were 2-1/2 to 3 miles from the observer when first seen, and were in sight for four to five seconds, moving at a speed estimatedto be about two miles per second. The objects made a gentle climb, being higher at last observation than at first, and faded from sight. [redacted]S occupation is that of a mail clerk in the Post Office Department, and a shoe salesman. Interrogator stated that he is sincere and appeared interested in the matter and expressed himself very well.

8. On 25 May 1949, Mrs. [redacted], Dallas, was interviewed and stated substantially the same as her husband had in the interview set forth above. The interrogator expressed the opinion that Mrs. [redacted]S intelligence seemed to be below average and the character of her information was questionable.

9. On 25 May 1949, Mr. [redacted], Dallas, Texas. was interviewed and stated that at 2045 hours, from the front yard of [redacted] he saw four to eight or more objects in the air at an estimated 30,000 feet. The objects were described as being an arrowhead with a round object in the center, and were about the size of a 50¢ piece held at arm's length. Color varied from that of red and orange and the objects were in sight from three to six seconds. The objects did not reflect light, but appeared to be translucent and were moving at an estimated speed of 1,500 to 30,000 miles per hour, flying in a fixed curve toward east, south-east. Mr. [redacted] an Agriculture Teacher in Arizona and according to the interrogator, has intelligence and character in keeping with that of his profession. Copies of report form "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects" furnished to AMC by Fourth Army. Copy of these reports retained in files of DO #10.

10. On 1 June 1949, this office received a letter from Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, Fourth Army, which attached a report of an unconventional aircraft observed at Fort Bliss, Texas. Object was observed by thirteen enlisted men and was in sight for approximately five minutes. Copy of the letter as received from Fort Bliss is attached. Copies of sketches referred to in cited letter retained in office of DO #10.

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11. On 16 June 1949, this office received through G-2, Fourth Army, copies of letter dated 2 June o949 from Fort Bliss, reporting another unconventional aircraft observed on 30 May 1949. Copies of this report are also attached.

12. On 16 June 1949, this office received through Fourth Army, copies of "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects". Object was observed at 1950 hours, 5 June 1949, at Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico, by Captain JOHN W. STEWART, Post Engineer of the Ordnance Depot. Object was in sight for approximately five seconds and appeared to be 50 miles away from the observer. It appeared to be a spheroid in shape and was described as being orange in color as seen against the deep blue sky. The brilliance was that of a 200 watt light bulb at 100 yards, with the object being about 1/8" in diameter at arm's length. In this instance a trail of white smoke with the persistence of approximately 15 minutes was observed emanating from the object. Copy of the report furnished directly to AMC by Fourth Army, and a copy is on file at DO #10.

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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO, ATTENTION: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HQ, USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 23 May 1949. (Dup.)

2. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 2 June 1949. (Dup.)

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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1. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 23 May 1949 - MRS [redacted] New Orleans, La.

2. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 23 May 1949 - MRS. [redacted] New Orleans, La.

3. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - [redacted], La.

4. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 31 May 1949 - MR. [redacted] Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

5. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949, - MR. [redacted], Dallas, Texas

6. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 24 May 1949 - MR. [redacted] Dallas, Texas

7. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MRS. [redacted] Dallas, Texas.

8. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MR. [redacted] Dallas, Texas.

9. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 25 May 1949.

10. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, to: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 2 June 1949.

11. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 6 June 1949, Captain JOHN W. STEWART, Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico.

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION [illegible]
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. ____

1. Date of observation Wed, 18 May 49 Date of Interview 23 May 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1630 Hours

3. Place of observation: [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana
(Map Coordinates) 90.1 - 30.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Informant sighted object while sitting on back steps of her house.

5. What attracted attention to object: Informant's attention was attracted by the reflection of the sun on the object in the air.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Informant compared size of object to a single-engine two-seated Naval Reserve training plane, which she has seen many times in New Orleans area.

8. Color of object: Silver

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Informant compared the object to an ordinary dinner plate.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): The flying object was at approximately a 45-degree angle above the horizon and continued at that altitude throughout the time of observation.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): North

12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately one and one-half miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): In a general east to west direction.

14. Time in sight: Ten minutes

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Informant compared the speed of the flying object to that of the Naval Reserve plane mentioned in Item 7 above.

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): The object was luminous but cast a very bright reflection from the sun.

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19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.) None.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs[illegible] sketch of flight path): The object flew at level plane and made no ma[illegible] object traveled in an end over end fashion.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Informant stated that she took her eyes off the object for a second and could not sight it again.

22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the sky at the time of observation.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; light good.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted]est, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; hobbies: gardining.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? At time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and viewed object while out of doors.

BIO COMMENT: Mrs. [redacted] appeared to be a person of average intelligence and reliability. A neighborhood check revealed that Mrs. [redacted] is well liked in that neighborhood and is considered to be an average person and not very likely to exaggerate or imagine things. The description of the flying object by Mrs. [redacted] is very similar to that made by Mrs. [redacted], Jr, SI, this office, dated 26 May 1949, subject, "Unidentified Flying Object." Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had told no one of her observation until a newspaper article appeared about Mrs. [redacted] sighting a "flying disc." Mrs. [redacted] then called Mrs. [redacted] and told her she too had seen a "flying disc." The close similarity ot the two descritpions, with the exception of the dates sighted, may have been partly caused by the two informants talking their observations over on the telephone prior to being interviewed.

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Incident No. ____

1. Date of observation 19 May 1949 Thursday   Date of Interview 25 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1515 hours

3. Place of observation: [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana
(Map Coordinates) 90.1 - 30.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)

At time of observation, informant was sitting on the back steps of her home.

5. What attracted attention to object: Informant's attention was attracted by its reflection in the sun.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object.

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Informant compared size to that of a small airplane.

8. Color of object: Object appeared to be silver and reflected the sun's light.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Informant compared the shape of the object to a flat round disc, or an ordinary dinner plate.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): Object appeared to be at approximately a 45-degree elevation above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): North

12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately one and one-half miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): In general east to west direction.

14. Time in sight: Five minutes.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Informant compared speed of object to that of a single-engine training plane which she has observed before in the air (150 to 170 MPH)

16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None

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18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): The object was not luminous but appeared to be silver and reflected a great amount of light from the sun.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None

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20. Manouvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): The object traveled on a level plane and made no maneuvers with the exception of traveling in an and fashion.

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21. Manner of disappearance: The flying object was in sight until a neighboring house blocked it from view. Informant then ran to the front of the house but could not sight the object again.

22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the path of the flying object.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: The weather was clear and light good.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. Lucien [redacted], Jr., [redacted] Street, New Orleans, Louisiana

Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; hobbies: none.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)
Mrs. AUSTIN appeared to be of above average intelligence and impressed the interviewer as being reliable. Mrs. [redacted] was at one time a court recorder at the Naval Repair Base in Algiers, Louisiana. A neighborhood check *

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? At time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and viewed the object out of doors.

*revealed that Mrs. [redacted] is a person of excellent character and reputation and was not known to be a gossiper or a person who would "see" things.

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Incident No. ____

1. Date of observation Mon, 23 May 49 Date of Interview 25 May 49

2. Exact time of observation (local) 2050 hours

3. Place of observation: [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana;
(Map Coordinates) 30.1 - 90.0

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)

Informant was out of doors in her back yard.

5. What attracted attention to object: Her attention was attracted to the flying object by her 13-year old son, who first noticed it.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object was sighted

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Informant compared size of object to a small observation plane.

8. Color of object: Object appeared grey in color.

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Object appeared to be round, such as a weather balloon.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): When sighted object was at approximately a 45-degree angle above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): Southwest

12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately one to one and one-half miles.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): South to northeast.

14. Time in sight: thirty seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Informant compared speed of object to that of a small observation plane.

16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None

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18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Object was not luminous, but grey in color and no reflection or brilliance was observed.

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19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None

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20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): The object made no maneuvers of any kind but traveled on a level plane, neither losing nor gaining altitude.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Informant lost sight of object for an instant and then could not locate it again.

22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the sky.

23. Additional information concerning object: Informant stated that she was positive the flying object she had sighted was not a search light from the airport, but said the object could possible have been a weather balloon.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; light good.

25. Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Housewife; no hobbies.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Mrs [redacted] appeared to be a person of average intelligence and reliable sort of person. A neighborhood check revealed that informant is considered to be a norman person, and is well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. [redacted] is*

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material? Informant was not wearing glasses at time of observation and viewed the object while out of doors.

*considered to be reliable and not in the habit of telling falsehoods or exaggerating.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
[illegible] June 1949

PREPARING OFFICE
Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED BY JOHN E. KIEFFER

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:		OF INFORMATION:	
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	A	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES	1
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FAIRLY RELIABLE	C	POSSIBLY TRUE	3
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UNRELIABLE	E	IMPROBABLE	5
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 31 May 1949 John E. [redacted] Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after it was reported that he had sighted a "flying disc." Your attention is invited to the attached description of the "flying disc" sighted by Mr. [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
2 June 1949

PREPARING OFFICE
Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED BY [redacted]

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OF SOURCE:		OF INFORMATION:	
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NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	D	DOUBTFULLY TRUE	4
UNRELIABLE	E	IMPROBABLE	5
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	F	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED	6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Date of observation: Friday, 20 May 1949. Date of interview: 31 May 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 1525 hours.

3. Place of observation: Pontchartrain Beach area, New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Position of observer: Informant sighted object while lying on back, on beach.

5. What attracted attention to object: Bright shiney color.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: At first only one, later five smaller ones grouped around the larger one.

7. Apparent size: No reference points available, so no estimate was made.

8. Color of object: Silver and shiney.

9. Shape: Flat and spherical.

10. Altitude: 45 to 50-degree angle from the ground.

11. Direction from observer: East, northeast.

12. Distance from observer: Would not estimate.

13. Direction of flight of object: West, southwest, generally. Made large circle over New Orleans Airport.

14. Time in sight: 23 minutes.

15. Speed: Apparently slow and deliberate.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED BY [redacted]

18. Luminosity: Extremely bright.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Wide circle around New Orleans Airport.

21. Manner of disappearance: Object rotated on horizontal axis and then disappeared.

22. Effect on clouds: Object well below cloud level.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; unlimited visibility.

Name and address of observer: Mr. [redacted], Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Occupation: Professor.

At the time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and has 20/20 vision.

BIO Comment: Observer is deemed to be highly reliable, being a Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps Reserve, and was formerly intelligence officer with the Air Corps, and is known to this office; therefore, no neighborhood, police, FBI, or employment checks were made. Because of his present association with the 12th Air Force, Kelly Field, San Antonio, observer requested that a copy of this Summary of Information be transmitted to that headquarters, for whom an additional copy is attached herewith.

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT
OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS REPORTED BY: [redacted]

Re: AG 452.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, FSHT, Dtd 4 Apr 49

2. DATE SUBMITTED
27 May 1949 (ek)

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

1. Date of observation: 21 May 1949. Date of Interview: 26 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation: 2100 hours CST
3. Place of Observation: [redacted], Dallas, Texas
4. Position of observer: Front yard of [redacted], Dallas, Texas
5. What attracted attention to objects: Just happened to see the objects
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: Long irregular line of about 75 to 100 objects
7. Apparent size: Smaller than a man's fist at arms length.
8. Color of objects: The color of mercury vapor lamp light to green
9. Shape: Flat circular like a smoke ring
10. Altitude: 35° elevation
11. Direction from observer: About 10° from North
12. Distance from observer: 1 to 1½ miles ground distance
13. Direction of flight of objects: East to West
14. Time in sight: About 3 seconds
15. Speed: 800 to 1000 mph at 3,000 to 5,000 ft altitude, estimated
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail: None
18. Luminosity: Just enough to see, about like a 5 watt globe and very dim
19. Projections: None
20. Maneuvers: Uniform flight.
21. Manner of disappearance: Faded fro[illegible]
22. Effects on clouds: None
23. Additional information: None

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
JOSEPH F. AGNEW, CIC, Fourth Army

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS
REPORTED BY: [redacted]

Re: AG 452.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, FSHT, Dtd 4 Apr 49

2. DATE SUBMITTED

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear in direction of objects but cloudy to the South and East. At night.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OBSERVER:

Mr [redacted], [redacted]., Dallas, [redacted] Texas

OCCUPATION AND HOBBIES:

Construction and labor foreman. None

COMMENTS OF INTERROGATOR RELATIVE TO INTELLIGENCE AND CHARACTER OF OBSERVER:

Walls is above average intelligence and in ability to judge distance, space and speed, due to his experience in the construction business. He appears to be reliable and a man of good character.

Observer wears glasses for eye correction purposes, vision was not impaired by any other object or material.

Mrs [redacted], wife of [redacted] made almost the same statements as her husband. Mrs [redacted] statement was based on hearsay and on the opinion of her husband.

Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 78°, dew point 62, ENE wind two miles per hour, 29.69 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.

2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.5 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew point ENE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 62, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

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6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

1. Date of observation: 21 May 1949. Date of Interview: 24 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation: 2100 hours CST

3. Place of observation: [redacted], Dallas, Texas

4. Position of observer: Front yard of 1[redacted]e St., Dallas, Texas

5. What attracted attention to objects: Wife first observed objects

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: About 20 objects. Looking like a kite's tail, evenly spaced and same size. 0--0--0--0--0--

7. Apparent size: About half the size of a man's fist at arms length

8. Color of object: White, flourescent, with slight shiver or osculation

9. Shape: Circular, not completely round, like a clam shell

10. Altitude: 45° angle of elevation when first seen

11. Direction from observer: 50° to 80° from North

12. Distance from observer: 2½ to 3 miles when first seen

13. Direction of flight of objects: SSW

14. Time in sight: 4 to 5 seconds

15. Speed: About 2 miles per second, estimated

16. Sound and odor: None, quiet, like the flight of birds

17. Trail: None

18. Luminosity: Cold light, not as bright as evening star

19. Projections: None observed

20. Maneuvers: Gentle rise, higher when last seen

21. Manner of disappearance: Faded from sight

22. Effects on clouds: None or unknown

23. Additional information: Seen by 3 or 4 people

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AGENT REPORT

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OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS REPORTED BY: [redacted]

Re: AG 452.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, FSHT, Dtd 4 Apr 49

2. DATE SUBMITTED

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Dark, white smoke from factory, no stars, no moon, air clear except for some smoke.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OBSERVER:

[redacted] St., Dallas, Texas

OCCUPATION AND HOBBIES:

Mail Clerk, Post Office Department. Shoe Salesman

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer: Man was sincere, very interested in the matter, showed excellent reasoning ability, had very good command of English and expressed himself very well. Did not appear at all a neurotic type.

Observer does not wear glasses and was not wearing sun shade glasses. Observation was not made through any other material

Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 73°, dew point 62, [illegible] wind two miles per hour, 29.80 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.

2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.5 milbars, 75° temperature, dew point [illegible] wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 62, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

CARLETON C. KEYES, CIC, Fourth Army

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS REPORTED BY: [redacted]

Re: AG 452.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, FSHT, Dtd. 4 Apr 49

2. DATE SUBMITTED

27 May 1949 (sk)

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

1. Date of observation: 21 May 1949. Date of Interview: 26 May 1949

2. Exact time of observation: 2100 hours CST

3. Place of observation: [redacted]allas, Texas

4. Position of observer: Front yard of [redacted]t., Dallas, Texas

5. What attracted attention to object: Just looking up into the sky (Star gazer)

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: No idea, looked like a spot of light and in a straight line.

7. Apparent size: Could not judge the size

8. Color of objects: White to green and flourescent

9. Shape: Oval to a round coil

10. Altitude: 75° or less at time of sighting

11. Direction from observer: 20° to 30° from North

12. Distance from observer: Could not judge or estimate

13. Direction of flight of objects: East to West

14. Time in sight: About 6 seconds

15. Speed: No idea

16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail: None

18. Luminosity: Making own light and not very bright

19. Projections: None

20. Maneuvers: Straight line of flight

21. Manner of disappearance: Just faded from sight

22. Effects on clouds: Unknown

23. Additional information concerning objects: None

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AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT
OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS REPORTED BY: MRS [redacted]

Re: AG 452.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, USET, Dtd 4 Apr 49

2. DATE SUBMITTED
27 May 1949 (ak)

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Dark, clear sky and unobstructed view in line of flight.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OBSERVER:

Mrs [redacted] St., Dallas, Texas

OCCUPATION AND HOBBIES:

Housewife and sewing

Comment of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:
Intelligence is considered to be below average and the character is questionable.

Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 73°, dew point 52, ENE wind two miles per hour, 29.69 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.

2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.4 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew point ENE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

2230 hours; clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
JOSEPH F. [illegible], CIC, Fourth Army

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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AGENT REPORT

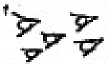
1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT
OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS REPORTED BY: M. P. TANEY
Re: AG 452.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, FSHT, Dtd 4 Apr 49

2. DATE SUBMITTED
27 May 1949 (ok)

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

1. Date of observation: 21 May 1949. Date of Interview: 25 May 1949
2. Exact time of observation: 2045 hours CST
3. Place of observation: [redacted], Dallas, Texas
4. Position of observer: Front yard of [redacted]t., Dallas, Texas
5. What attracted attention to object: Watching weather and turned to observe weather in another direction
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: 4 to 8 or more as shown in sketch



7. Apparent size: About the size of a 50¢ piece.
8. Color of objects: Between a red and orange
9. Shape: Arrow head with round object in center
10. Altitude: About 30°
11. Direction from observer: NNW
12. Distance from observer: Estimated 30,000 feet
13. Direction of flight of objects: NNW to SSE
14. Time in sight: 5 to 6 seconds
15. Speed: 1500 to 3000 mph, estimated
16. Sound and odor: None
17. Trail: None
18. Luminosity: No reflection but translucent
19. Projection: See sketch
20. Maneuvers: Flying in a fixed curve, toward the SSE
21. Manner of disappearance: Faded from sight
22. Effects on clouds: None

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
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2. DATE SUBMITTED
27 May 1949 (sk)

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT
OBSERVATION OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS AS
REPORTED BY: [redacted]
Re: AG 432.1 AKADB, Hq 4th Army, FSHT, Dtd 4 Apr 49

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

23. Additional information concerning objects: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Dark but sky was clear in direction of observation

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OBSERVER:

Mr [redacted], Dallas, Texas (Home of [redacted] Father)

OCCUPATION AND HOBBIES:

Agriculture Teacher in Arizona. Hunting

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:
Intelligence and character in keeping with that of his profession.

Observer does not wear glasses, and was not wearing any at the time of the observation. Vision was not obstructed by any other object.

Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce. Weather Bureau, Dallas,
Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars,
temperature 73°, dew point 62, NNE wind two miles per hour, 2983 altimeter, frequent
cloud to cloud lightning.

2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.3 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew
point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud
lightning NE.

2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.3 milbars, 77° temperature, dew
point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading. occasional
lightning in the East.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
JOSEPH F. AGNEW, CIC, Fourth Army

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

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27 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: District Commander
Headquarters 10th District
Office of Special Investigations
Kelly Air Force Base
San Antonio, Texas

The inclosed letter, Commanding General, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, AKBAAB 452.1, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," 23 May 1949, re sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena, 19 May 1949, Fort Bliss, Texas, is forwarded for your information and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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As stated w/2 incls

EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
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HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE CENTER
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

AABAAB 452.1

23 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO:
Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, G-2

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In compliance with letter, Headquarters Fourth Army, file AG 452.1 AAADB, subject as above, dated 4 April 1949, the following report is submitted:

1. Date of observation: 19 May 49 Date of interview: 19 May 49

2. Exact time of observation 0830-0900 19 May 49 MST

3. Place of observation: Outside Headquarters Supply Room, 39th AAA Bn, Bldg 4709. See Incl #1.

4. Position of observer: Standing on ground 5 to 10 feet on east side of building 4709, Fort Bliss, Texas.

5. What attracted attention to object: A flashing object in the sky.

6. Number of objects: One object.

7. Apparent size: About the size of my thumb nail at arm length.

8. Color of object: Silver.

9. Shape: Round and thin like a quarter doller. Apparently rocked giving an edgewise and sidewise view. Rocking at irregular intervals.

10. Altitude: About a 30° angle.

11. Direction from observer: Approximately 2/3 distance to Hueco Mountains.

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Ltr Hq AAA & GM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, AKBAAB 452.1, 23 May 49, subject, Unconventional Aircraft

13. Direction of flight of object: Moved away at about 100° and slowly ascending.

14. Time in sight: Approsimately 5 minutes.

15. Speed: In 5 minutes it apparently moved about 15 to 20 miles judging from its position at time of first sight to a position apparently over the mountain range.

16. Sound or oder: None

17. Trail: None

18. Luminosity: Reflection

19. Projections: None

20. Maneuvers: Irregular rolling and tilting motion slowly rising as it travelled away.

21. Manner of disappearance: See #9.

22. Effect of clouds: Saw it first without glasses and still saw it through tinted binoculars.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Bright sunshine. No clouds. Temperature about 70°.

Names and Addresses of Witnesses:

Leroy Heminger, Cpl., RA15413843, Hq Btry, 39th Bn
Albert Schuck, Pvt., RA19337053, D Btry, 39th Bn
Gerald G Compton, Pvt., US57507831, B Btry, 39th Bn
Kenneth L Frashier, Pfc, RA16291443, B Btry, 39th Bn
Edmund G Pine, Pvt, US51015147, B Btry, 39th Bn
Carl E Bickmore, Pvt., US51015153, B Btry, 39th Bn
Walter L Walas, Pvt., US52000648, D Btry, 39th Bn
Albert G Jesseman, Pfc, RA21628057, B Btry, 39th Bn
Donald F Lodge, Pvt, RA11168539, B Btry, 39th Bn
Carmelo C Presto, Pvt, US51023619, B Btry, 39th Bn
Joseph E Schillizzi, Pvt, RA12320803, B Btry, 39th Bn
John Mathe, Pvt., RA12320700, B Btry, 39th Bn
Richard Mitchell, Pvt, RA11165247, A Btry, 39th Bn

Occupation and hobbies: Persons listed above are in the military service.

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Ltr Hq AAA & GM Ctr, Ft Bliss, Texas, 23 May 1949, file AKBAAB 452.1, subj, Unconventional Aircraft

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:

An interview with enlisted men of the 39th AAA Battalion revealed that the observers are reliable in character and intelligence.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material: Binoculars were used by Cpl Heminger and Pvt Schuck after initial observation.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Clouds, clear; visibility, 50 miles; temperature, 70 degrees; relative humidity, 23%; Dewpoint, 33; altimeter: 016.

2. Winds aloft report: Calm.

   a. Adiabatic chart for period in question: None available.

3. Local flight schedule of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at time: Military aircraft flying within the area at that time.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: All installations within this area were contacted with negative results.

5. Did object contact the earth: Object did not contact the earth.

6. Photographs or Sketches: Sketches are attached hereto.

7. Signed statements: Signed statements were received and are being retained at this headquarters.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: Not possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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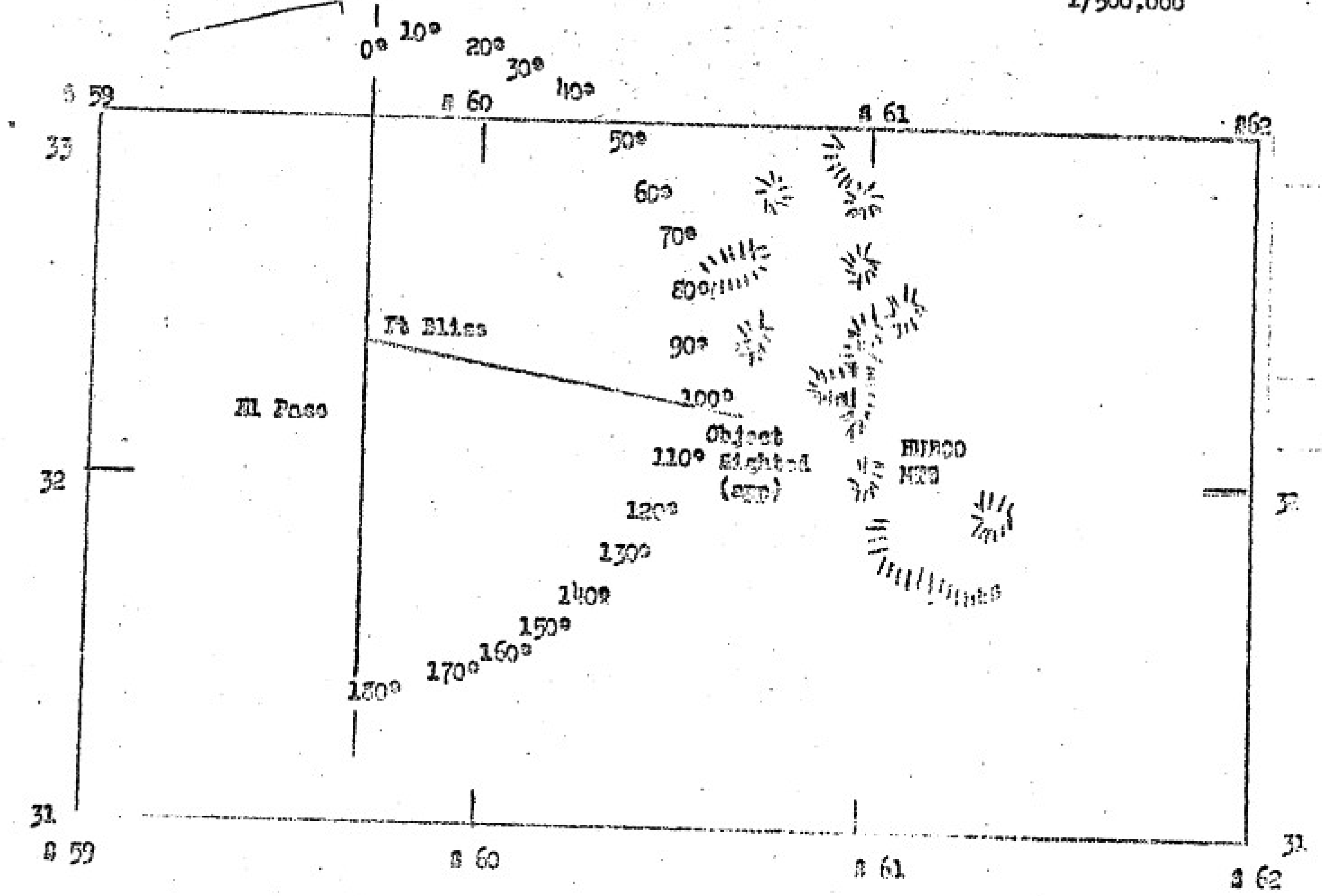
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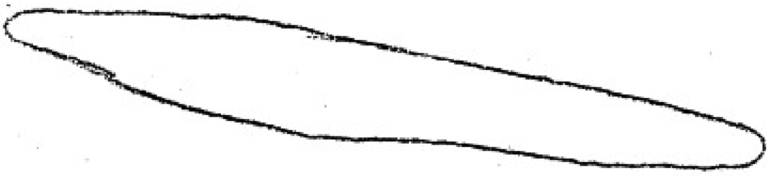

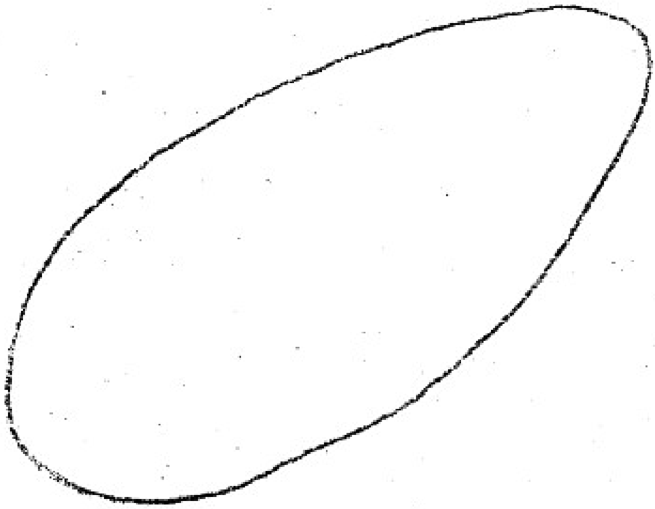

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ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE CENTER
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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AKBAAB 452.1

2 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, G-2

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In compliance with letter, headquarters Fourth Army, AG 452.1 AKADB, subject as above, dated 4 April 1949, the following report is submitted:

1. Date of Observation: 30 May 1949 Date of interview: 31 May 49

2. Exact time of observation: 1332 MST

3. Place of observation: Sunrise Acres, El Paso

4. Position of observer: About 1000 feet south east of White Acres in open field.

5. What attracted attention to object: Observers were watching a fighter plane in the air and a highly reflective object attracted their attention.

6. Number of objects: One

7. Apparent size: About one inch long (length of thumb) (about size of cub plane but shorter)

8. Color of object: Looked glassy or shiny.

9. Shape: Oblong

10. Altitude: About 75°

11. Direction from observer: From overhead to east by north east.

12. Distance from observer: Overhead

13. Direction of flight of object: East to north east

14. Time in sight: 3 minutes

15. Speed: From 90° to 35° in 3 minutes

16. Sound or odor: None

17. Trail: None

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18. Luminosity: Surface was highly reflective.

19. Projections: None

20. Manouvers: Turning slowly on longitudinal axis

21. Manner of dissapearance: Disappeared in clouds

22. Effect of clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear bright light; wind, 10 MPH; scattered clouds.

Names and addresses of witnesses:

Pfc Louis Liske
Pvt William R Tyrrel
Headquarters Battery, 1st GM Regt, Fort Bliss, Texas

Occupations and hobbies: Persons listed above are in the military service.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:

Subjects listed seem reasonably intelligent and reliable.

No Reports.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material: No glasses were worn or used.

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Clouds, broken, 25,000 feet; humidity, 19%; visibility, 60 miles, W 10 knots; temperature, 90°; dew point, 31.

2. Winds aloft report: West at 6 knots per hour.

a. Adiabatic chart for period in question: None available.

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at time: Biggs Air Force Base reported an F51 type fighter in the area approximately 1330 hours. Pilot did not observe unusual object. Report from White Sands Proving Ground was negative. No reports on unusual objects have been received from local agencies.

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4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: Holloman Air Force Base released "Rawinsonde" balloons at 1335 hours, 30 May 1949.

5. Did object contact the earth: Object did not contact the earth.

6. Photographs or sketches: None

7. Signed statements: Signed statements are in process of being obtained.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible: Not possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

S. W. [illegible]
Colonel [illegible]
Adjutant General

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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of observation 5 June 1949 Date of Interview 6 June 1949

2. Exact time of observation (local) 1950 hours

3. Place of observation: (Map Coordinates) Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Car

5. What attracted attention to object: Light

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): Approximately 1/8" diameter at arms length.

8. Color of object: Orange - against a deep blue sky.

9. Shape (give graphic description ~~- compare with known object~~): Appeared spheroid.

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10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): 25 degrees - estimated 6,000 to 8,000-ft. altitude.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): 255 degrees magnetic north.

12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Approximately 50 miles from observer.

13. Direction of flight of object (s): Approximately 104 degrees from vertical.

14. Time in sight: Approximately 5 seconds.

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Unknown. Not as fast as a falling meteor.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) White smoke, at arms length about 5"; width - approximately 1/4" at arms length; persistence - approximately 15 minutes.

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other) - degree of brilliance): Approximately 200 watt light bulb at 100 yards.

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): Unknown.

20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc - sketch of flight path): Straight line.

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21. Manner of disappearance: Faded out.

22. Effect on clouds: Clear area.

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear twilight.

25. Name and address of observer: John W. Stewart, Capt. C.E., Post Engineer,
Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico

Occupation and hobbies: U. S. Army

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Witness is a man of excellent character.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Through normal glasses, 20/20 vision.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 32-5

DATE 27 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY LOUIS H. COLEMAN, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #9 - Barksdale AFB

PERIOD 23 and 27 May 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #9 - Barksdale AFB

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TITLE

PROJECT "SIGN"
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

CHARACTER

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 9th OSI Dist (IG), Barksdale AFB, La., upon receipt of information that unidentified aerial objects had been sighted in the vicinity of New Orleans, La.

Investigation revealed that two persons sighted what appeared to be a disk-like object turning end over end, travelling in a north-northwesterly direction across the outskirts of New Orleans, La.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by the District Commander 9th OSI District was upon receipt of information which indicated that unidentified aerial objects had been sighted in the vicinity of New Orleans, La.

2. On 23 May 1949, this agent, in company of Special Agents Bellman and Koster of the Fourth Army Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, La., interviewed MRS [redacted], of [redacted], New Orleans, La. The following information pertaining to the alleged sighting of the object by MRS [redacted] was obtained in the course of this interview:

a. Date of sighting: **Friday,** 20 May 1949.

b. Time of sighting: 1615 hours.

c. Where sighted: The object was sighted from 5129 Frenchman St., New Orleans, La., which is the residence of MRS AUSTIN. The object appeared to be passing across the outskirts of the city near Lake Pontchartrain.

d. Number of objects: Only one (1) object was noted.

e. Distance of object from observer: The object appeared to be approximately one and one-half (1½) miles from the place of observation. The observer estimated the elevation of the object along her line of vision above the horizon to be approximately 45°.

f. Time in sight: The object was within view of MRS AUSTIN for approximately five (5) minutes.

g. Appearance of object: The object appeared to be luminous and silver in color. The shape was that of a disk and the observer compared it to an ordinary dinner plate. The size was estimated as approximately that of a small training type aircraft.

h. Direction of flight: The object appeared to be travelling from east to a north-northwesterly direction.

i. Tactics or maneuvers: The object travelled in a horizontal line throughout the period of observation. The object was turning in an end-over-end fashion.

j. Evidence of exhaust: The object gave off no apparent smoke, odor, or vapor trail.

k. Effect on clouds: The object was not observed to pass through any cloud layers during the period of observation.

l. Lights: No lights were observed inasmuch as the object was noted in the day light. However, the object itself appeared very luminous and reflected the sunlight.

m. Support: The object had no apparent control apparatus, but was a plain disk in appearance.

n. Propulsion: The object had no apparent method of power such as propellers, rotors, or jet openings.

o. Control and stability: The object had no apparent stabilizing apparatus.

p. Air ducts: No air ducts were observed.

q. Speed - MPH: The speed was estimated at approximately 120 to 140 mph. This was established on a relative basis by the observer as compared to that of a medium training plane.

r. Sound: No sound of any nature was evident.

s. Manner of disappearance: The object passed from view behind a residence and the observer was unable to locate the object after changing positions.

t. Weather: The weather at the time of the sighting was clear, sunny and bright with a few scattered clouds.

The following information pertaining to MRS [redacted] [redacted] is submitted as background information to be used in evaluating the information above.

a. Occupation: Housewife, formerly stenographer and court reporter.

b. Hobbies: None.

c. Neighborhood Check: Neighbors of MRS [redacted]elieved her to be a person of good character and a high degree of intelligence.

d. Agency Check: The records of the FBI Field Office and the Police Department of New Orleans, La., contained no record of MRS [redacted]

e. General: To the interviewing agent, MRS [redacted] appeared to be very intelligent and not the type of individual who would put forth such ideas with the hope of publicity. MRS [redacted] also appeared to be normal in every respect including eyesight. There were no other witnesses to the sighting to MRS [redacted] knowledge.

On 23 May 1949, this reporting agent and S/A Koster of Fourth Army CIC interviewed MRS [redacted], housewife, [redacted]t., New Orleans, La. MRS [redacted] was contacted after this agent ascertained from MRS [redacted] that MRS [redacted] had called MRS [redacted] husband on Saturday, 21 May 1949, to report that she, too, had seen the flying disk. However, MRS [redacted] sighted the disk on the day previous to MRS [redacted]. The following information was obtained from MRS [redacted] relative to the sighted object:

a. Date of sighting: Wednesday, 18 May 1949.

b. Time of sighting: 1630 to 1645 hours.

c. Where sighted: The observer was at her home at 1756 [redacted] Paul Morphy St., New Orleans, La., at the time of sighting. The object appeared to be on the outskirts of the city in the vicinity of Lake Pontchartrain, which is approximately two (2) miles from MRS [redacted]'S home, in a western direction. At the time of sighting, MRS [redacted] was watering her lawn and working in the garden.

d. Number of objects: MRS [redacted] sighted only one (1) object. No other craft of any [redacted] were in the sky within her line of vision.

e. Distance of object from observer: The object appeared to be approximately one and one-half (1½) miles to two (2) miles from the observer at an angle of elevation of approximately 45° from the horizon. MRS [redacted] was unable to judge the altitude, but stated that it was relatively high.

f. Time in sight: The object remained within MRS [redacted]S view for approximately ten (10) minutes.

g. Appearance of object: The object was silver in color and luminous and had the shape of a disk and was likened to a dinner plate. The size was indicated as being approximately eight to twelve inches (8" to 12") in diameter when viewed at the stated distance. The informant compared this to the relative size of a small training type aircraft when viewed at the stated distance.

h. Direction of flight: The object appeared to be travelling from the east to a north, northwestern direction.

i. Tactics or maneuvers: The object appeared to be ascending at a gradual pace. However, the object did not swerve from its direct upward line of flight. No tactics or maneuvers other than these were evident. The object was turning in an end-over-end fashion.

j. Evidence of exhaust: No smoke, fumes or odors were apparent.

k. Effect on clouds: The object did not pass near or through any clouds during the time of observation.

l. Lights: No lights were evident. However, the object in itself reflected considerable sunlight due to its silver luminous appearance.

m. Support: No support or control apparatus such as wings or rotating propellers were noted.

n. Propulsion: No means of propulsion was apparent.

o. Control and stability: No evidence of any means of control or of maintaining stability was observed.

p. Air ducts: No air ducts, slots or jet openings were observed.

q. Speed - MPH: The informant compared the speed of the craft to that of a small training type plane.

r. Sound: No sound of any sort was heard.

s. Manner of disappearance: The informant stated that she removed her sight from the object for an instant and when she again sought to observe, could not locate this object.

t. Weather: The informant stated that the weather at the time when sighting occurred was very clear, sunny and bright.

The following background information is submitted concerning informant to assist in evaluating the information given:

a. Occupation: Housewife.

b. Hobbies: Gardening and pets.

c. Neighborhood check: Interview of neighbors of MRS [redacted] revealed that she is well liked, of good character, and of average intelligence.

d. Agency check: The records of the FBI Field Office and the Police Department of New Orleans, La., contained no record of MRS [redacted].

The interviewing agent found MRS [redacted] to be very cooperative and not at a loss to express herself concerning any question regarding instances indicating that, unless the story had been well planned before hand, she had actually observed the object as described by her. MRS [redacted] does not wear glasses and appears to have excellent sight and be in satisfactory physical condition otherwise.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 9D 32-3
DATE 13 January 1949
REPORT MADE BY Bernard A. Price
REPORT MADE AT Jackson AFB Detachment, DO # 9
PERIOD 1 January 1949 - 6 January 1949
OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO # 9, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
STATUS Closed

TITLE

PROJECT "SIGN"
UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA SIGHTED AT
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BY MR.
[redacted]

CHARACTER
Subversive Activity

REFERENCE
Request for Investigation from the Commanding Officer, Jackson AFB, Mississippi

SYNOPSIS

This investigation conducted at the request of the Commanding Officer, Jackson Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Investigation in Jackson, Mississippi, and vicinity revealed that a Mr. [redacted], civilian, did, between the hours of 1630 and 1730 on the date of 1 January 1949, sight a strange object flying over Jackson, Mississippi, which Mr. [redacted] was unable to identify but described as traveling at a rate of speed estimated at two hundred miles per hour when first sighted and upon this object's departure, it traveled at an estimated rate of speed from four hundred to five hundred miles per hour. [redacted] further reported this object to be somewhat similar to a cigar in shape and approximately sixty feet to seventy feet in length.

Investigation further revealed that Mr. [redacted] is a reliable man and one who is not inclined to create objects of this type by his imagination.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation conducted at the request of the Commanding Officer, Jackson Air Force Base, Mississippi, upon receipt of a TWX from the Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, requesting that a detailed report be obtained reference the unidentified aerial phenomena sighted by Mr THOMAS A. RUSH of 402 Mitchell Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

2. On 6 January 1949 Mr. [redacted], civilian, was interviewed and stated that at approximately 1700 hours, on the date of 1 January 1949, while he and his wife and a Mr. and Mrs [redacted] were flying from Gulfport to North Jackson Air Park in a Stinson Aircraft, at a speed of approximately one hundred twenty-five miles per hour, at an altitude of seventeen hundred feet, traveling 340° or Northwest, two miles East of Jackson, Mississippi, one half mile North of Highway 80E, almost to the Pearl River Swamp and East of Knox Glass Bottling Company from a position of 1:00 counter-clockwise to between 7:00 and 8:00, 32° 20' North Latitude, 90° 10' Longitude (see attached map, Exhibit "A".) There was only one object. This object was about five hundred feet directly in front of [redacted]S plane and when first seen, this object was about 10° below the horizon and gradually climbing above the horizon as the object went around, at an altitude of approximately sixteen hundred feet to seventeen hundred feet. [redacted] further stated that he had an opportunity to view this object approximately ten to twelve seconds. [redacted] further descrived the object as being either dark blue or black. [redacted] drew the attached diagram rather than describing its shape in words. For the shape of the object, see Exhibit "B". [redacted] further stated this object appeared to be of solid construction. As to size, [redacted] described this object as being sixty feet to seventy feet long, eight feet to ten feet in diameter, the front end tapering to two feet to three feet in the rear. [redacted] further described the object as resembling a large sleeve target. [redacted] describ ed the object's direction of flight as being west toward Jackson, Mississippi, at a 50° to 60° turn toward the Southwest. [redacted] described the objects maneuvers as being horizontal, then turned, gradual ascent, picked up a tremendous speed, seemingly a very slow fluttering as it departed. As to evidence of exhaust, effect on clouds, lights, support, propulsion, there was no evidence of any kind. [redacted] stated that when first sighted, this object was traveling at what he considered approximately two hundred miles per hour, but as it turned and departed, its speed appeared faster than Jets, making four hundred to five hundred miles per hour. As to sound [redacted] did not notice any particular sound; however, [redacted]S wife and the pilot's wife claim to have heard a seemingly roaring sound as the object left the vicinity, and [redacted] further added that this object just faded from view.

3. Information relative to the observer is as follows.

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted], Jackson, Mississippi
Occupation: Airport Manager

Place of Business: North Jackson Air Park
Hobby: Pilot. [redacted] not considered an amateur pilot. RUSH considers himself well qualified to determine type, size, color, and distance of most objects, and particularly aircraft.

Informant claims eyesight as being 20-29. As to reliability of [redacted], he was given good recommendations by all who knew him. A check of law enforcement agencies was made concerning [redacted], with negative results. [redacted] is his own employer, as he is the owner and operator of the Jackson Air Park. [redacted] sightings, in general, are considered excellent, and his attention was drawn to this object by the actual sighting of it.

4. Other witnesses to this phenomena were [redacted] wife and a Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted], Jackson, Mississippi, housewife. According to informants, Mrs. [redacted] reliability is unquestionable.

5. The OSI Agent, at the time of this interview, was accompanied by Lt. Colonel RICHARD L. BISGARD, Deputy Base Commander, 2588th AFRTC, Hawkins Field, Jackson, Mississippi. Lt. Colonel BISGARD and the OSI Agent making the interview considered RUSH as being thoroughly reliable and of better-than-average intelligence, and seemingly of an excellent character. Mr. [redacted] a former USAF Pilot.

6. There are no radar operations in this area. See inclosed weather report listed as Exhibit "C" for general weather information in that area at the time this object was sighted.

7. A check with the Airport Managers of both the Delta Air Lines and the Chicago and Southern Airlines and with the Base Operations failed to reveal any flights in this vicinity at the time object was sighted, other than is shown. (see Exhibit "D") It is unknown whether there were any testing devices of the United States Air Force sent aloft in this area on this date.

8. See Exhibit "E" for report of information concerning this object from [redacted]. There were no fragments or physical evidence abailable, nor was there any radio antenna to be observed, nor were there any other projections or extensions that might possibly be construed as such.

Inclosures:

FOR DISTRICT OFFICE # 5, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO:

One copy of map showing line of flight of unidentified object, Exhibit "A".
One copy of sketch of object seen by Mr. [redacted], Exhibit "B".
One copy of weather report, Exhibit "C".
One copy of Airplane Operations in the vicinity of Jackson, Miss., Exhibit "D".
One copy of letter to CG, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, from Mr. [redacted], Exhibit "E".

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SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
10th OSI District, IG
Kelly Air Force Base
San Antonio, Texas

1. This refers to your letter of 13 June 1949 concerning the above subject.

2. It will not be necessary for you to duplicate Fourth Army reports which have been forwarded to the Air Materiel Command.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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24 June 1949

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Headquarters USAF
ATT: Director of Intelligence, [illegible]
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Attached are two copies of report of investigation concerning above subject.

2. Your organization was inadvertently omitted from the original distribution of attached report.

R. R. [illegible]
Lt. Colonel, USAF
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REFERENCE Report, 5 January 1949, S/A JAMES J. TEACHNOR, DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

SYNOPSIS

On 6 May 1949, District Office No. 10 received from G-2, Fourth Army, report concerning unknown aerial phenomena in the vicinity of Arrey, New Mexico. Copy of statement by [redacted], JR., 27 April 1949, and Guide to Investigation by [redacted] attached. (Inclosures No. 1 and 2.)

On 16 May 1949, report received from Commanding General, Anti-aircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, through G-2, Fourth Army, relative sighting of unidentified aerial object 5 May 1949. (Inclosure No. 3). The sketches accompanying this report retained in file, D. O. No. 10.

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WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND
Las Cruces, New Mexico

27 April 1949

STATEMENT

On 24 April 1949, three miles north of Arrey, New Mexico, four Navy enlisted men from White Sands Proving Ground (Chief Akers, Davidson, Fitzsimmons and Moorman) and I saw a rapidly moving object while making a pibal wind run. We released a 350 gram balloon at about 1020 MST and were following it with a standard ML-47 David White Theodolite. After the 1030 reading, Davidson took over the theodolite and Akers and I looked up to find the balloon with naked eye. We thought we had the balloon when we picked up a whitish spherical object right along the direction the theodolite was pointing (45° elevation and 210° azimuth). The object was drifting east rapidly (5° second as estimated by stopwatch and width of fingers), but we had thought to encounter similar winds on the balloon. When the difference in direction between the theodolite and supposed balloon became apparent, I took over the theodolite and found the true balloon still there, whereupon I abandoned it and picked up the object after it came out of the sun (this gives another good bearing if you wish to work out a sun shot at 1035 MST at Arrey). The object was moving too fast to crank the theodolite around; therefore, one of the men pointed the theodolite and I looked. The object was an ellipsoid about $2\frac{1}{2}$:1 slenderness ratio, and the length was about .02° subtended angle. It was white in color except for a light yellow of one side as though it were in shadow. I could not get a hard focus on the object due to the speed at which the angles changed. Therefore, I saw no good detail at all.

The azimuth angle continued to decrease as the object continued on a north heading, growing smaller in size. At around 20°-25° azimuth the azimuth held constant and the elevation angle began increasing from the 25° minimum to

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about 29°. The object then apparently disappeared due to distance after a total time of observation of about 60 seconds.

The object was not a balloon and was some distance away. Assuming escape velocity, a track is enclosed which figures elevation above the station of about 300,000 feet over the observed period. If this is true, the flight would have probably gone over the White Sands Proving Ground, Holloman Air Force Base, and Los Alamos.

Another balloon released from that site 15 minutes later went to 93,000 feet and ended up only 13 miles south of us when it burst at that altitude after an 88 minute flight. Therefore, the object was not a free balloon under 90,000 feet.

/s/ C. B. MOORE
/t/ C. B. MOORE
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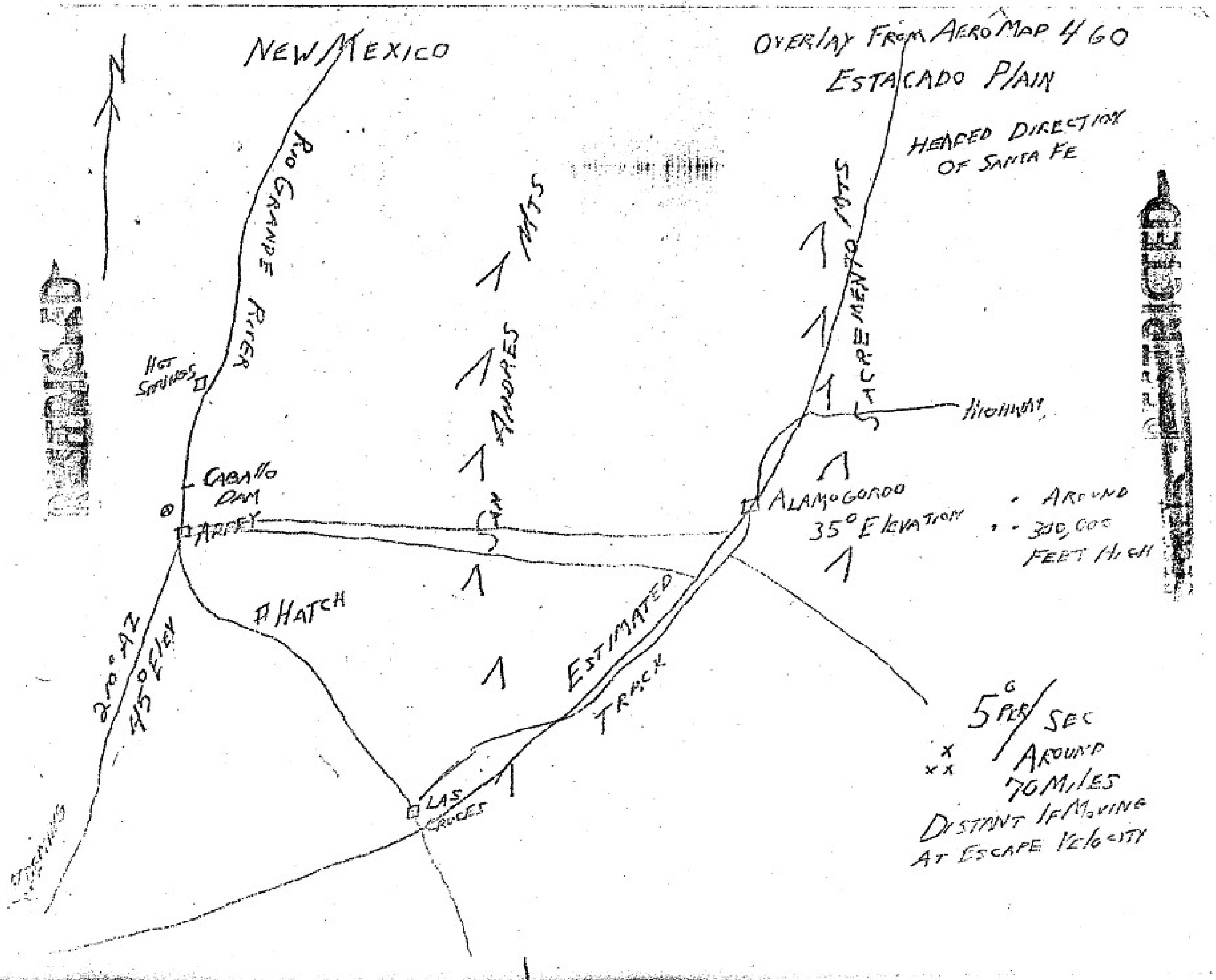
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GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. ____

1. Date of observation 24 April Date of Interview ____________

2. Exact time of observation Between (local) 1030 - 1035 MST

3. Place of observation: 32° 53' N 107° 20' W
(Map Coordinates)

4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location or - give details:)
Ground, operating a theodolite tracking balloon.

5. What attracted attention to object: Turned to look at balloon with naked eye.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One

7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist at arms length): N .02 (size of balloon 350 gm size at 15,000 feet distance.)

8. Color of object: White

9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object): Elliptical, around 2$\frac{1}{2}$:1 slenderness ratio.

10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead): Came in from 210° at 45° elevation. Passed through the sun, was about 35° when due east then disappeared at 25° elevation at about 25° east of north.

11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from north): -----

12. Distance from observer (distance to town, bldg, etc., over which object appeared to be): Unknown

13. Direction of flight of object (s): See back

14. Time in sight: Around 60 seconds

15. Speed (time to cover given angular distance): Measured to be 5° azimuth/sec.

16. Sound and odor: None. Quiet--no trucks or planes near at time.

17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None

18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Believed reflection

19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None visible focus not good.

20. Maneuvors (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path): ____
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21. Manner of disappearance: Grew smaller rapidly then disappeared.

22. Effect on clouds: No clounds. No effect.

23. Additional information concerning object: See report

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear except for 1/10 cumulus to west, no dust, bright desert day.

25. Name and address of observer: C. B. MOORE, General Mills Aero Research Labs. 2010 E. Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minn.

Occupation and hobbies: Chemical engineer, Meteological Training (equipment, balloons) Member Balloon Crew, General Mills. Hobby: Astronomy.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (check neighbors, police dept, FBI records, employer, etc.)

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

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HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND GUIDED MISSILE CENTER
FORT BLISS, TEXAS

AKBAAB 452.1 6 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Fourth Army
Fort Sam Houston, Texas
ATTN: AC of S, G-2

In compliance with letter, headquarters Fourth Army, file AG 452.1 AKADB, subject as above, dated 4 April 1949, the following report is submitted:

1. Date of observation: 5 May 1949 Date of interview 5 May 49

2. Exact time of observation (local): 1140 hours MST

3. Place of observation: Waco #4 firing range
(Map coordinates) 553.5 : 372.6 on Newman sheet
#4748 III SE, 1:25,000 AMS series V881

4. Position of Observer: Coordinates referred to above.

5. What attracted attention to object: object passed through field of fire

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or group: See Incl No 2 for sketches

7. Apparent size: three inch disc at one arms length

8. Color of object: white

9. Shape: oblong

10. Altitude: 1000 feet above ground (approximately 400 mils in elevation

11. Direction from observer: north to north east

12. Distance from observer: 1000 yards

13. Direction of flight of object: west to east

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14. Time in sight: 30 to 50 seconds

15. Speed: 200-250 MPH

16. Sound or odor: None

17. Trail: None

18. Luminosity: Highly reflective

19. Projections: None

20. Maneuvers: None

21. Manner of disappearance: Object went out of sight straight and level course.

22. Effect of clouds: None

23. Additional information concerning object: None

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Clear, light blue sky, no clouds, light gust of wind.

Names and Addresses of Witnesses:

Major Charles D Day, Jr, Box 272 AA & GM Br TAS, Ft Bliss, Tex
Major James H Gilbreson, 2904 Lebanon St., El Paso, Tex
Capt Holloy O Vaughn, 209 Ramona Drive, El Paso, Tex

Occupation and hobbies: All persons listed above as witnesses are in the military service.

Comments of interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer:

An interview with officers in the Gunnery Department of the AA & GM Br, TAS, revealed that the observers are reliable and their character are above reproach.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material: Captain Vaughn was wearing Ray Ban sun glasses.

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1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Clouds, scattered variable to broken with bases 15,000 feet; visibility: unrestricted; maximum temperature: 85 at 1500; relative humidity: 25%

2. Winds aloft reported north west to north w/speed 10 MPH.

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Ltr Hq, AAA & GM Ctr, AKBAAB 452.1, 6 May 49, subj: Unconventional Aircraft

2. Adiabatic chart for period in question: None Available

3. Local Flight Schedules of Commercial, Private and Military Aircraft Flying in Vicinity at time: None

4. Possible Releases of Testing Devices in Vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other: White Sands Proving Ground and Biggs Air Force Base were contacted. No releases of any testing devices were released by any agency prior to time of sighting.

5. Did Object Contact the Earth: Object did not contact the earth.

6. Photographs or Sketches: Sketches are attached hereto.

7. Signed Statements: Signed statements were received and are being retained at this headquarters.

8. Obtain Fragments or Physical Evidence where possible: Not possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

J. W. ROSS,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

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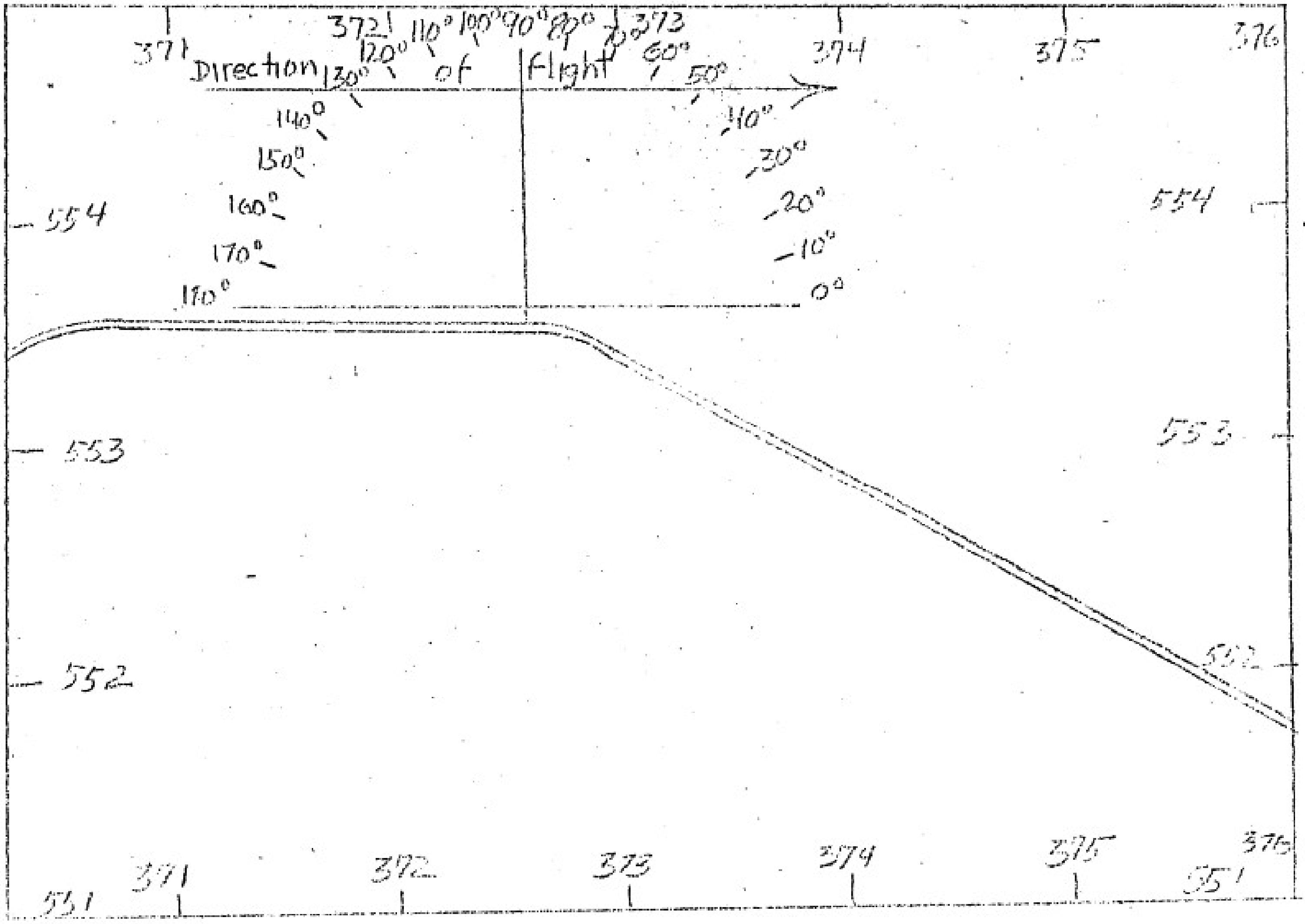
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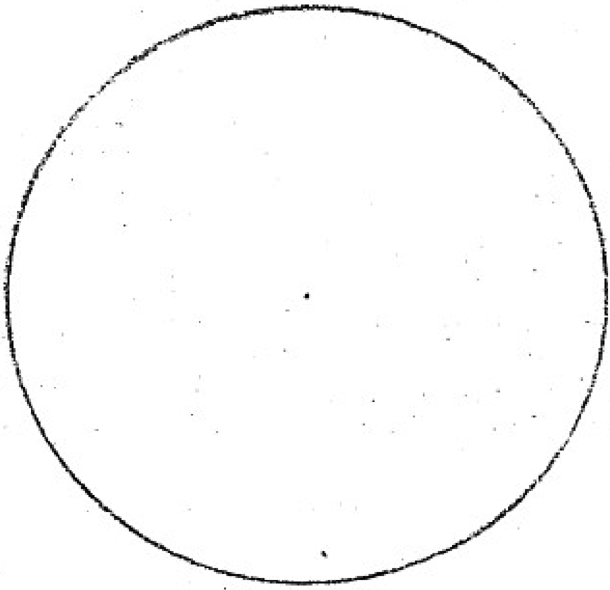

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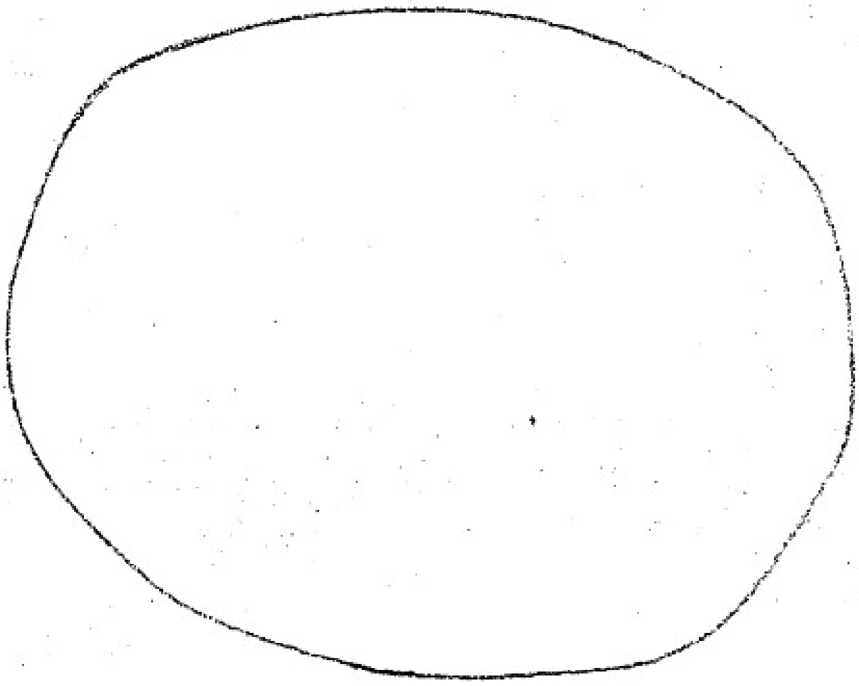

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

19 April 1949

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

1. This is a comprehensive summary of all observations of unidentified aerial phenomena possessing similar characteristics which have been observed in the New Mexico-West Texas area. The common characteristics of most of the incidents are:

a. Green color, sometimes described as greenish-white, bright green, yellow-green, or blue green.

b. Horizontal path, sometimes with minor variations.

c. Speed less than that of a meteor, but more than any known type of aircraft.

d. No sound associated with observations.

e. No persistent trail or dust cloud.

f. Period of visibility from one to five seconds.

2. All of the incidents reported do not possess all of the above characteristics, but in each case one or more are present. In none of the reported incidents has any natural or man-made object been determined to be responsible.

3. The body of this summary consists of a tabulation of observations with notes attached to clarify or amplify certain of the more important observations. Note numbers 1, 3, and 5 are taken directly from reports compiled by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, University of New Mexico. Dr. LaPaz is internationally known and respected as a meteoriticist, and has taken a great interest in these phenomena.

4. The tabulation of sightings is not a complete record of all reported observations, but comprises only those in which interviews were conducted by OSI personnel. Many other persons were interviewed

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by Dr. LaPaz and his colleagues, but inasmuch as complete data is not available, these interviews are not taken into account in this summary. In addition, numerous reports have been received from individuals who could not provide sufficient information to warrant inclusion of such facts as they did possess. Any interview where the veracity of the interviewee was discounted in the preparation of reports for transmittal.

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    Tabular Summary w/notes

Date	Time	Color	Course	Seen From	Seen By
5 Dec 48	1930	Green	NE to SW	Las Vegas, N. M.	Civilian
5 Dec 48	2000	Green	N/S	Albuquerque, N. M.	Univ. of N. M. Student
5 Dec 48	2105	Green	N/S	Near Las Vegas, N. M.	Military Pilots
5 Dec 48	2115	Green	N/S	Las Vegas, N. M.	Civilian
5 Dec 48	2115	Green	N/S	Las Vegas, N. M.	Civilian
5 Dec 48	2115	Green	N/S	Lucy, N. M.	Civilian
5 Dec 48	2127	Green	N/S	East of Albuquerque	Military Pilots
5 Dec 48	2135	Green	N/S	Near Las Vegas, N. M.	Pilots, Pioneer Airlines
5 Dec 48	2200	Green	N/S	Near Las Vegas, N. M.	Civilian Pilot
5 Dec 48	2220	Red-White	NE to SW	Levy, N. M.	USAF Photographer
5 Dec 48	2220	N/S	N/S	Onava, N. M.	Railway Worker
5 Dec 48	2315	Green	N/S	Near Las Vegas, N. M.	Univ. of N. M. Student
6 Dec 48	2255	Green	N/S	Sandia Base	AEC Security Agent
7 Dec 48	2145	Green	N/S	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
8 Dec 48	1835	Green	N/S	Near Las Vegas, N. M.	OSI Personnel
12 Dec 48	2102		Note 1		
12 Dec 48	2102		Note 1		
13 Dec 48	2130	Note 2			
13 Dec 48	2215	Green	N/S	20 mi. East of Las Vegas	Civilian
14 Dec 48	0100	Green	N/S	Wagon Mound, N. M.	Civilian
20 Dec 48	2054	Note 3	Note 3		
28 Dec 48	0431	White	N to S	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
6 Jan 49	0310	Green	E to W	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
6 Jan 49	1730		Note 4		
30 Jan 49	Note 5				
14 Feb 49	1840	White-Greenish	NE to SW	Near Ganado, Ariz.	Dr. Salsbury
17 Feb 49	Note 6				

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Date	Time	Color	Course	Seen From	Seen By
27 Feb 49	1905	Green	W to E	Los Alamos	AESS Lieutenant
2 Mar 49	0010	N/S	N to S	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
3 Mar 49	0159	Green	Down	Los Alamos	AESS Sergeant
8 Mar 49	1836	White-Greenish	275 to 289	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
8 Mar 49	1835		Note 7		
13 Mar 49	2153	Greenish-White	NE or SW	Sandia Base	MPs
27 Mar 49	1800	Note 6			
5 Apr 49	2200	Green	S to N	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
6 Apr 49	0005	Green	NW to SE	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
7 Apr 49	0100	Green	S to N	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
7 Apr 49	0135	Green	E to W	Los Alamos	AESS Inspector
12 Apr 49	1930	White	E to W	Sandia Base	MP

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT SUBMITTED BY DR. LaPaz on 20 DECEMBER 1948:

December 14:

1:00 a.m., Mr. [redacted] (Wagon Mound, N. M.)

2. The Real Path of the Only Green Fireball so Far Observed at Two Separate Stations. Among the numerous observations so far made, there is only one pair of corresponding observations i.e., those made simultaneously by different groups of observers at widely separated stations. The only such observations are those obtained on the night of December 12 by one group of observers near Starvation Peak (Bernal, New Mexico - see report on incident of 1948, December 12, 9h 2m plus or minus 30s), and a second pair of observers stationed within the Los Alamos reservation. By graphic reduction of the simultaneously made observations, the following facts have been determined: The green fireball of December 12, 9h 2m plus or minus 30s appeared very near a point with the coordinates latitude 35° 50', longitude 106° 40' and disappeared near a point with the coordinates latitude 35° 45', longitude 107° 5' traversing a nearly or exactly horizontal path with a length of very nearly twenty-five (25) miles at an altitude above the surface of the earth of approximately 8 to 10 miles, depending on the estimate of angular altitude employed in the reduction; the velocity with respect to the earth works out at between 8 and 12 miles a second, depending on the duration estimate used. It should be observed that the above results are obtained under the assumption that the points of appearance and disappearance of the fireball were seen simultaneously by both the Bernal and Los Alamos groups. In case this assumption is not fulfilled, the real path could very easily be no more than 10 to 12 miles long, the velocity with respect to the earth then working out at between 3 and 6 miles a second. While there is thus considerable uncertainty because of the lack of confirming azimuth observations from a third station concordance in the five (5) different estimates of angular elevation make it most unlikely that the linear height of the fireball was much less than 8 mil and much more than 10 miles. It is interesting to observe that the backward extension of the 25-mile path first given passes almost centrally across the Los Alamos reservation.

3. Significant Differences Between the Fireballs Observed in the Interval December 5-13 and Typical Meteors.

3.1 The horizontal nature of the paths of most of the December fireballs is most unusual. Genuine meteors are rarely observed to move in horizontal paths.

3.2 Again the very low height of the December fireball discussed in section 2 above sets it off in sharp contrast from the genuine meteors for which heights of the order of 40 or more miles are normally observed.

3.3 The velocity determined for the fireball of December 12 is much less than the velocities determined from typical meteors (and yet is considerably greater than the speeds of the V-2 Rockets or jet planes or of conventi flares).

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3.4 In the case of meteorites that penetrate to as low levels as that determined for the fireball of December 12, the observed luminous phenomena are always accompanied by very violent noises. No noises whatever have been observed in connection with the various December fireballs so far investigated.

3.5 Genuine meteors normally show remarkable variations in brightness beginning as fine thin hair lines, which are scarcely visible to the observer, and then brightening up to flash out near the end of their paths. In the case of the December fireballs most of the observers have reported that the green balls appeared almost instantly at their full brightness.

3.6 In the case of genuine meteors the paths are directed toward all points of the compass with equal frequency. On the contrary in the case of the green fireballs, plots of admissable approach sectors show that there is a very pronounced tendency for the paths to come in from the north half of the sky.

3.7 The three groups of anomalous greenish luminous phenomena show a curious association with well known meteor showers, although none of these meteor showers normally produce extremely bright green fireballs, such as those recently observed. For example, the observation mentioned by Mr. Monnig appeared near the maximum of the Quadrantid shower of early January, Mr. McCullough's observation of August was near the time of the Persid shower and the December observations all fell in the interval covered by the Geminid shower. This relationship might indicate an attempt to render the green fireballs less conspicuous by causing them to appear only when there is considerable meteoric activity.

3.8 As noted in an earlier communication, the remarkably vivid green color reported for most of the December fireballs is rarely observed in the case of genuine meteors. By laboratory test this peculiar color seems to be identical with that given off by copper salts in the blowpipe flame. If this identification is correct, the wavelength of the radiation from the green fireballs is near 5,218 Angstrom Units.

3.9 The duration estimates of between 2 and 3 seconds reported for the green fireballs are considerably longer than those (0.4 - 0.5 seconds) for the ordinary visual meteors, but shorter than the duration estimates invariably reported in the case of a genuine meteorite fall (5 to 30 seconds or even longer).

3.10 For none of the green fireballs has a train of sparks or a dust cloud been reported. This contrasts sharply with the behavior noted in case of meteoric fireballs--particularly those that penetrate to the very low levels where the green fireball of December 12 was observed.

4. On the basis of the various differences to which attention is called in section 3, the writer remains of the opinion that the fireball of December

12 was definitely non-meteoric and that in all probability the same is true of most, if not all, the other bright green fireballs, which the CSI has had under investigation.

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INCIDENTS OF 13 AND 20 DECEMBER 1948:

The unusual feature of these two incidents is that there were reported two red lights trailing the green fireball. In each case observers agreed that the trailing lights retained a constant position with respect to each other and to the green light. Also, these two sightings are the only two of all the green fireballs where a sharp change of direction in the vertical plane was observed. One of these incidents, that of 20 December, was observed by Atomic Energy Security Service Inspectors, while the other was observed by a truck driver and his wife. That of 20 December was observed in the Los Alamos area, while that of the 13th of December was observed southwest of Las Vegas.

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The University of New Mexico

Albuquerque

December 30, 1948

Institute of Meteoritics

TO: Lt. Colonel Doyle Rees, Commanding Officer
District No. 17
Office of Special Investigations

From: Lincoln LaPaz, Director
Institute of Meteoritics

Subject: Anomalous luminous phenomena (Third Report)

In the second report of this series, a description was given of the real path through the atmosphere of the green fireball of 1948, December 12, 9h 2m (plus or minus 30^s). On the basis of corresponding observations made from station near Starvation Peak, New Mexico, and a second station near Los Alamos New Mexico, this fireball was found to have appeared near a point with the coordinates: latitude 35° 50' N, longitude 106° , 40' W, and to have disappeared near a point with the coordinates: latitude 35° 45' N, longitude 107°05' traversing an almost horizontal path, at an elevation of about 10 miles about sea level, with a length of about 25 miles, at a velocity of approximately 10 miles per second. (The minimum path length consistent with the observation was found to be about 11 miles, the corresponding velocity then falling between 3 and 6 miles per second, depending on the duration adopted.)

On the basis of corresponding observations of the greenish-white fireball of 1948, December 20, 8h 54m p.m. made by two pairs of Los Alamos observers it has now become possible to work out another approximate real path. As was to be apparent from the original accounts of the observations made by AECS Security Inspector George S. Skipper, the fireball of 1948, December 20 was observed under less favorable conditions than the green fireball seen by five persons on the night of December 12. However, on the basis of the original accounts of the observers named above, of sketches supplied by these four individuals on December 29 and of transit observations made by Captain M. E. Neef and the undersigned on the same date at the points of observation (viz., 35° 48' .9, 106° 18' .4 for Strang and Skipper and 35° 55', 106° 23' ? for Wilson and Truett), it has been possible to establish reasonable concordance between various points on the fireball path as seen by the two groups of observers. Because of the very short baseline (only 8 miles long) between the two points of observation and the difficult conditions under which the fireball of December 20 was observed, it is my opinion that the real path derived ? the December 20 observations deserves considerably less weight than that obtained from the December 12 observations.

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It is found that the fireball doubly observed by Messrs. [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] appeared at a height of at least 10 miles and descended to an angle of about 45° to the vertical (according to [redacted]'s estimate) to a point C at an elevation of only 2.3 miles above the horizontal plane through the point from which Strang and Skipper observed. As the fireball approached the point C, its path levelled off and from C to its point of disappeareance E, the fireball followed a nearly horizontal path approximately 7.5 miles moving with a velocity of between 3.75 and 7.5 miles per second, depending on the duration estimate adopted. The coordinates of the projection of C on the earth are 35° 56', N, 106° 30' W, and those of the projection of E are 35° 57' N, 106° 23' W. The forward extension of the fireball's trace on the earth as determined by the above projections, passes some six miles to the north of the town of Los Alamos.

It should be noted that the descending branch of the path of the fireball was observed by Inspector Truett alone, but he was absolutely certain that his observation of this portion of the path was correct. It should also be noted that no sound was heard, although the distance from the observers to the fireball and from the fireball to the earth could have been only a few miles at most. I have no hesitancy in testifying that an object possessing the 7 path and the other peculiarities observed by Messrs. Wilson, Truett, Strang, and Skipper was not a falling meteorite.

TO: Director, Intelligence & Security Division 7 January 1949

FROM: Chief, Physical Security Branch

SUBJECT: Reported Observation of Unidentified Light or Flare Moving Across the Sky on 6 January 1949

1. On 7 January 1949, the writer interviewed Pfc. Meredith J. Everitt, ASN 38552954, Headquarters, 8450th M.P. Group, concerning the unidentified light or flare which he had reportedly seen moving across the sky.

2. Pfc. Everitt advised that on 6 January 1949 he was guarding a C-97 airplane at the landing strip, located adjacent to the Ordnance Area, when at approximately 1730 hours he noticed a bright object travelling across the sky, from the southeast towards the Northwest. He related that the object was diamond shaped, approximately two feet long, and appeared to be much brighter in its center than at the edges. He estimated that the object was approximately 1500 to 2000 feet in the air and travelled approximately 500 feet, horizontal to the earth's surface, before he lost sight of it. Pfc. Everitt was unable to estimate the speed of the object but stated that he has seen low flying jet planes, and that this object travelled much faster than the jets that he has observed. There was no smoke or other vaporous material visible to Pfc. Everitt around or following the object.

3. At the time Pfc. Everitt witnessed the object, he stated that the sky was clear, furnishing a light blue background, and that the object appeared to be a bright white light, with no other apparent visible color.

4. Standing guard with Pfc. Everitt were Sgt. Richard Woleslegoe and Cpl. Wilson, and according to Pfc. Everitt, neither of the other men saw the object. Everitt explained that he called to Sgt. Woleslegoe, who was standing at the other end of the plane, and told him to look at the object in the sky, but by that time it has disappeared.

5. Pfc. Everitt stated that he attended Flight School, under the G. I. Bill of Rights in Houston, Texas, during the year 1947, and that he has had some experience in observing aircraft.

/S/ MATTHEW J. DOYLE
Chief, Physical Security Branch
Intelligence & Security Division

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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Institude of Meteoritics

February 21, 1949

TO: Lt Colonel Doyle Rees, Commanding Officer
District No. 17
Office of Special Investigations

From: Lincoln LaPaz, Director
Institute of Meteoritics

Subject: Anomalous luminous phenomena (4th report)

1. Several additional sightings of unexplained aerial light phenomena have occurred since the third report in this series was prepared. Outstanding among the as yet undescribed incidents was the green fireball of Sunday evening January 30, 1949, 5:54 p.m. MST. Within less than one minute after the appearance of the fireball, an eyewitness (Mr. Nesbett) called to report the impression of a group of persons who saw the fireball through an east window while seated about the dinner table in a brightly lighted room. Within twelve hours after the fireball appeared, more than 100 eyewitness accounts had been obtained by its director through personal interviews. An unusually high percentage of the reports came from military personnel (waiting out under the sky for Post Theaters to open), from guards and other special agents already alert to watch for anomalous luminous phenomena and from airplane pilots, control tower men and oilwell workers working on the late afternoon to midnight shift.

2. On February 1st, a staff car was placed at the writer's disposal by Major William Godsoe of the Fourth Army and a field survey was begun of the region in New Mexico and Texas in which the majority of the observer's reporting the fall lived. This survey, carried out under unusually severe weather conditions, included visits to the following localities: Moriarty, Estancia, Vaughn, Ramon, Mesa, Roswell, Caprock, Tatum and other towns in New Mexico; and Lamesa, Brownfield, Plains, Lubbock, Muleshoe and other towns in Texas (Several of these towns were visited two or more times). At Roswell, where very effective cooperation was provided by the OSI group at Walker Air Base under Lt Paul Ryan, and the local CAP unit under Lt H. R. Cobean, Special Agent Bill Ricket was added to the survey party and gave much aid in later work. At Lamesa, Texas, the ground survey party was joined by an air search party consisting of Major Charles Phillips, USAF, Captain Melvin E. Neef and Special Agent Jack L. Boling, from the 17th District OSI office at Kirtland Field, and Corporal Cochran. On

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February 4th, the four persons just named flew a low-level air reconnaissance mission in a T-11 aircraft over the area surrounding the earth-point of the fireball of January 30th. At the same time a second ground survey party under Lt Paul Ryan made a careful field search along a route extending from Lamesa through Amherst, Texas, to Clovis, New Mexico.

3. As a result of the ground and air searches referred to above, and of an analysis of the very large amount of information obtained from eye-witnesses by personal interviews, by telephone conversation and by letter, it has now (three weeks after the fall) become clear that several thousand persons in New Mexico and Texas saw this great fireball leisurely traverse the sky. It has been possible to determine that the January 30th fireball became visible at an altitude of approximately twelve miles over a point at latitude 34° 5 longitude 102° 5, and disappeared at an altitude of approximately eight miles over a point at latitude 32° 48', longitude 102° 22', after traversing a nearly horizontal path approximately 143 miles long at a velocity of from seven to fourteen miles per second. Although the January 30th fireball must be ? among the brightest observed in the last quarter-century, and in spite of the fact that its real path lay closer to the earth throughout its entire extent than any other meteorite path of which the writer has knowledge (excepting the anomalous green fireballs of December 12th and 20th 1948), the meteoritics detonations and long continued rumblings which without exception accompany large meteorite falls were not observed on January 30th by anyone in the very large region covered by the various ground surveys. However, what may have been Udden noises (anomalous whizzing and hissing sounds frequently reported by very distant observers as having been heard at the same time that a meteoritic fireball was seen) were heard at Roswell, New Mexico, and near Muleshoe, Texas.

4. In addition to the absence of noise anomaly referred to in the last paragraph, the fireball of January 30th, 1949, shows several other features (e.g. nearly horizontal path, absence of long enduring luminous train or dust clouds, North to South direction, et) characteristic of the green fireballs earlier described in this series of reports. However, the January 30th fireball was much brighter than any of those earlier reported and differed from other green fireballs in that many of the Texas observers who were situated nearest its path reported its color as blue, orange, red and even purple instead of green.

5. Up to the present time (February 21st), no evidence whatever supported the belief that solid fragments fell to earth from the January 30th fireball has been discovered. However, as promptly as possible, a much more thorough ground search should be made in the probable area of fall as outlined by the earlier surveys, for, in my opinion, the fireball of January 30th is the only one of the anomalous luminous objects under investigation which gives any indication of having been a meteorite fall.

6. With the present report, the writer's participation in the OSI's investigation of the puzzling fireball question must, to his regret, terminate. During the time I was on leave of absence from the University of New Mexico, I was glad to donate my time and services to this investigation. Now that I am again serving as Head of the Department of Mathematics with a full time teaching load, it is impossible for me to continue cooperating with the OSI.

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Head of Dept of Mathematics

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INCIDENTS OF 17 FEBRUARY AND 27 MARCH:

In each of these incidents the following description applies:

a. Color - Red, orange, pink or amber

b. Shape - Elongated, about five to ten times as long as wide

c. Consistency - Apparently solid, but flexible. Did not appear to be vapor or smoke trail.

d. Luminosity - Appeared to be self-luminous, and the varying attitude of flight and change of position caused no change to either degree or color of emitted light.

e. Flight - Both objects performed various maneuvers, consisting of climbing and diving, with turning movements.

f. Speed - Not accurately estimated, due to variation in time factors.

g. Termination - Both objects appeared to disappear in the distance.

h. Location - The 17 February incident was observed from the area of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 27 March observations were made from the Tucumcari-Clovis area.

i. Course - The 17 February object appeared to move from west to east; that of 27 March, from east to west.

j. Sound - No sound was reported in conjunction with either incident.

k. Remarks - In each case, reports indicated that the objects flowed around corners in vertical maneuvers, rather than swinging around as would a rigid object. In neither case did investigation produce any evidence of a jet-propelled aircraft in the area. Observers in each case were found whose credibility is above average.

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INCIDENT OF 8 MARCH 1949:

This incident was reported by an AESS Inspector on duty at Los Alamos. The object appeared to be an aliptical, rather stubby, aluminum body surrounded or covered with billowy flame. There may have been projections similar to stubby control surface and wings, but the observer could not be sure of this. The observer described the object as looking rather like the part of a war time German airplane from the cockpit aft. It disappeared behind the clouds. The path was slightly descending; there was no noise.

NOTE 7

CONFERENCE
ON
AERIAL PHENOMENA

Held at 1300, 16 February 1949, in conference room Y-132, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Present:

4th Army:	Major [illegible] Major Godsoe Captain Neef
AFSWP:	Commander Mandelkorn
University of New Mexico:	Dr. LaPaz
FBI:	Mr. Maxwell
USAEC, SFOO:	Mr. Morgan Mr. Newburger
University of California:	Dr. Bradbury Dr. Holloway Mr. Hoyt Dr. Manley Dr. Reines Dr. Teller

Dr. Newburger opened the conference and stated that the subject of Aerial Phenomena was classified Secret within the meaning of AR 380-5 and comparable appropriate regulations of the Navy and Air Forces, and that all personnel at this meeting were properly cleared. Dr. Newburger then introduced Captain Neef, who briefly outlined the purpose of this meeting.

Captain Neef: It all started back in December, 1948, when we first received some reports from some airline pilots that these green fireballs were sighted. At this stage we had no idea what to do with it or what it was. We approached Dr. LaPaz who has been assisting us, gratis, since that date. Almost over two months now that he has been assisting us, so in order to have you get the facts as they are to a scientist, I'll let Dr. LaPaz explain these things as we have found them. Then you can give us your opinion from there; that is what we are interested in.

Dr. LaPaz: I would like to review what is observed in the case of a conventional meteorite fall. Not that I have any hopes of saying anything you don't already know, but because I regard the observational evidence observed by the conventional meteorite falls as providing the necessary background for what is now observed. Meteorite falls (for next minute or two, Dr. LaPaz's comments on record drowned out by noise from ditch digger immediately outside conference room)....Because of sound phenomena primarily, the fall of a large meteorite will cause great fright among human beings necessarily but primarily among animals, of all kinds. The fact follows, by a meteorite

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falling into the earth, is as you would expect, one at random — in azimuth and elevation. If the radiant white is known, you can predict the minimum angle with respect to the plane of the horizon at which the meteorite path has been observed. There is no choice, as far as the....for direction when meteorites fall in at random. I'd like to contrast now, at this time, this fact with what has been observed by some individuals here at the conference and by many of the AFSS inspectors, UAL pilots, special agents, goodness knows how many other categories of people. I choose to describe the only one of the incidents that I was personally a witness to. It is the only one of the incidents that I am in a position to vouch for on the basis of experience, dating from 1915, as a member of the American Meteor Society, was most certainly not a conventional meteorite fall. It was the so-called Starvation Peak incident on the night of December 12, 1948. Time of observation was around 9:02 P.M., plus or minus 30 seconds. This fireball appeared in full intensity instantly - there was no increase in light. Its color, estimated to be somewhere around wave length 5200 angstroms, was a hue green, or yellow green, such as I had never observed in meteor falls before. The path was as nearly horizontal as one could determine by visual observation. We have a photograph which might be some liters of departure from horizontal. The trajectory was traverse at, I am inclined to believe, constant angular velocity. Just before the end of the path there was the very slightest drooping of the path, that is the green fireball broke into fragments, still bright green.

Dr. Teller: And all this time the intensity was approximately constant?

Dr. LaPaz: All the time, as far as I could determine. The eye, of course, is admittedly a very crude photographer.

Dr. Teller: How long did the phenomenon last?

Dr. LaPaz: Almost exactly two seconds. We have in the reports here, I brought the complete file with me and would be glad to circulate them, duration measures in relation to all observations. Few of these, however, I believe, were determined under as favorable circumstances as the duration of the Starvation Peak incident. Possibly I should go back and review the situation a little bit. Because some report, issued by the AFSS, would certainly suggest that I was primarily responsible for starting this whole matter. I am glad that Captain Neef corrected that impression. Actually, I was on an investigation in regard to the green fireball observed on the night of December 5th at the time the December 12th incident occurred. As a result I was keyed up; I was watching; I had a stop watch with me and a transit. We got into position and made measures, transit measures, on azimuths and elevation readings; that is, we made a duration check, certainly within not more than two or three minutes after the incident occurred. To that extent, I believe, it is possibly the best observed of any incident up to the time of the January 30th fall.

Dr. Manley: How did you have time to use the transit?

Dr. LaPaz: The transit was in the back of the car. The moment the car was parked at the side of the road, we yanked the transit out and set it up and began measurements. We were in motion at the time but we were able to get a very good check of what we observed at the time on the road near Starvation Peak. We had a clear view of the sky to the Northwest and the West; and the object was so low over the horizon it was possible to compare it not only to the stars with which I am familiar, but with respect to mountain peaks that were also visible. To continue, that duration was about two seconds. This is when I say that 90% of the duration determinations have been made in the case of the green fireballs have given durations right in that vicinity. Whereas you take, say, 100 ordinary meteor observations you will find the widest diversions in durations. You could take the same lesson as observed by 100 people - possibly that's a better example - and there would be wide variations in the estimates of duration.

Dr. Manley: Did you correlate the azimuths with......?

Dr. LaPaz: No. There is an azimuth factor here which I am going to talk to you about, that relates to the choice of direction. Both our observations are single station observations, so that it becomes impossible from the observation measure to determine the real path of the fireball in the atmosphere. There have been only three cases where that path was determinable. One, as I recall it, was that of December 12, another December 20, and finally, of course, the very large fall on January 30, 1949. I'll give you some particulars on the paths. I do want to observe, however, that even our station observations present a puzzling characteristic to the meteorists. If you plot what are called, by meteorists, the admissible protobons for a green fireball that has been observed, you will find that they give, on the average, an approach almost to the North, come down from the North, they are restricted to ? . Now what about the real paths? I gave some indications as to the altitude at which meteorites normally disrupt full....and come down. That relates to the lowest...of the path. The green fireballs are unusual in this respect: probably that they are horizontal or nearly so, or that their horizontal path is traversed very low down in the atmosphere. In the case of the real paths for which we have been able to make determinations so far, those are graphical determinations, as we have not taken the trouble to use Chablis (?) methods or....because the observations are regarded as necessarily too rough for mathematical niceties. Those paths are traversed at elevations between 8 and 10 miles. I defy you to find anywhere among meteorists, examples of conventional meteorites that move over long horizontal paths reserving nearly constant angular velocities and therefore, on the average, constant linear velocities, at elevations of the order of 8 to 10 miles. There is a good deal of evidence that may be of value in the complete reports that are available here, but since this is an introduction I would like to summarize at this stage: the fireball which I personally witnessed on the night of December 12, 1948, was not, in my opinion, a conventional meteor fall. Since the majority of the green fireballs

have been reported to me, both before and after this December 12th occurrence,
possess almost all the properties which I personally observed on the night of
December 12th, I feel that in all probability they are not themselves conven-
tional meteor falls. Now, the easy way out of this is to conjure up an un-
conventional type of....meteorite, which comes in practically parallel to the
surface of the earth and is somehow endowed with the property against the very
great atmospheric resistance that is experienced on a level, it reserves nearly
constant velocity over paths say of the order of 25 to over 100 miles, as in
the case of the green fireball on January 30th. It should also have the
property that it is a very remarkable hue of green, not heretofore observed,
to my knowledge, in the case of any conventional meteor falls. And finally,
and this possibly is the most implausible feature of all, that although it
produces light visible at distances of the order of 400 miles, it doesn't make
a sound. In the case of January 30th fall, due to the fact that there had
been a large number of military personnel alerted, we were able to obtain
observations within a minute after the fall occurred and pursued the investiga-
tion over a distance of 1,600 miles - in Texas and primarily! - in some ten
days' time interviewing literally hundreds of people, we saw not one substan-
tiated account of noise produced by the meteorite fall.

Dr. Teller: May I ask how many people have seen this one big meteorite?

Dr. LaPaz: That is difficult to say. (record blank for short period).......
.Finally, in the interrogation of such persons, we invariably interview them as
individuals. We tried a family of 4 the first night, as Major Godsoe will
recall, interviewing....and it became apparent at once that there was some
sympathetic influence and we broke it off after I think the third or fourth
observation and thereafter interviewed separately. If you were to search,
however, the independent observations of those who were widely separated,
possibly stations of the order of 100, there were probably 100 different
stations reporting.

Dr. Teller: What area did that cover?

Dr. LaPaz: All of New Mexico, all the Western half of Texas. I have a map
here with some indications of possibly the extent of that.

Hoyt and Bradbury: Wasn't that Sunday the 24th?

Dr. LaPaz: No, it was definitely Sunday the 30th. The newspapers have very
helpfully concealed most of the relevant facts relating to this fireball. First,
they described it as a fireball, second, they ...(record blank for few seconds).
interferred with OSI and wasn't able to do that this time. This is the field
map and will give in various colors, dots and pencil dashs, etc. all of the
observations obtained on the Texas search.

Dr. Teller: All relate to one fall?

Dr. LaPaz: Yes. These lines are drawn from points of observation. The center, as you see, of points of appearance is somewhere Southwest of Amarillo or South-southwest of Amarillo. The disappearance point is in the vicinity of Lubbock, Texas. At the time this was drawn, before I was able to make out transit measures in the vicinity of Albuquerque, this was the best apparent path of the fireballs. These other ink lines are independent, made by other groups of observers working on the same problem. (record blank again for short time) This transit, unfortunately, had a needle with a bent piston and it was not discovered until much later that we were getting faulty records. Independently, I have re-determined, using the best equipment available at the University, the lines of sight at all points where the faulty transit had been used. I have plotted on this map only observations that I made personally or such observations as I have every reason to believe were made by experienced personnel, for example UAL flyers, who took the trouble to make measures, or possibly civil engineers.

Dr. Teller: You mean these people right afterwards or shortly afterwards took an instrument and tried to measure it?

Dr. LaPaz: That's right.

Dr. Teller: This is the point where it disappeared?

Dr. LaPaz: And normally, all you will get is the point where it disappears, because the average man is aware of the fact that when he is not warned, he makes a very inaccurate observation. Having been warned by the appearance of the fireball, his attention is fixed and he watches where it bursts, where it explodes, where it disappears. So I say this is a much better determination. This beginning point, although you notice the....of line here, is reasonably satisfactory.

Dr. Teller: Are these points here observers of the test, locations of those observations?

Dr. LaPaz: Usually a dotted circle like that indicates a reported sound observation. We use this symbol: a circle is a report, whether or not the observation includes azimuth of elevation, light appearances, is indicated by the presence of a cross. If it is blacked out, both light and sound were heard. Now every one of those things has been disproved. In the area where the end point was located, oil well drilling was underway, dynamite blasting in connection with setting up of rigs, some nitro being used apparently to shatter.....in every case we were able to exclude the possibility that the noises reported actually were tied in with the meteorite fall. At least let me say, in my opinion, those noises were excluded. In certain cases, independently, that was confirmed by a visit of Lt. Ryan of the Roswell Group of the CSI. For instance, the best case of all, near Amherst ?, or noise - the observer, it's true, was only a ten-year old boy, but he wrote a very intelligent letter, and it is well known that children, like animals, are more sensitive to sound than people who have listened for too many years, say, to the radio. It appeared conceivable that he had actually made a sound observation, but Lt. Ryan went to Amherst ? found that even three members of the family were not able to confirm his observation of noise and no one in the town, some 300 or 400 persons I think in all were estimated to have been visited, no one at all had heard a sound, so I think that Mike probably heard the same dynamite blast as had been reported by Miss Winson Didpasture - I didn't take that name out of the funny papers, it actually exists.

(continued examination of the maps with minor interrogations concerning markings.)

Dr. LaPaz: With one exception, in the case of Roswell, there are two types of sound associated with meteorite falls and, I assume, associated with the motion of any very high velocity projectile or missile through the air. There are what physicists would call reasonable sounds, and while he would not acknowledge it, simultaneously with the appearance of a meteorite, you hear a meteorite, the physicist will refuse to believe the observation. Nevertheless, there is a tremendous volume of evidence indicating that these anomalous sounds occurred. Anyone who does field work in the search for meteorites will come across possibly 10% of the observers who say that, although my attention was attracted by hearing, a whining noise, a whistling noise, I looked up and there was the fireball. In other words, this anomalous sound apparently attracts attention to the occurrence. I have an article by Brandon...one of the sons of the man who first investigated the great crater out in Arizona, and a chap by the name of Hart ? with whom I am not personally acquainted by a physicist apparently at Princeton, in which they attempt to justify the occurrence of anomalous sound. They express it roughly in this fashion. Electromagnetic radiation is set up by

(Dr. Teller excused to answer the phone)

Dr. LaPaz: You wouldn't believe it anyway! However,...electromagnetic radiation is rectified somehow by the...changed into sound that can be heard and, therefore, you can hear the meteorite at the same time you see it fall. In the case of the Roswell observation apparently that occurred. We have a group of five men - there were near a steel smokestack - and every last one of them swears that they heard at the same time they were watching the green fireball go by, a noise like, say, a gasoline blowtorch. That is certainly not an ordinary explosives sound. One more thing in connection with the noises. In every other meteorite fall, any one meteorite fall that I have investigated, - that covers many years - I have never yet found an occasion of a detonating fireball, without meteorites coming down at all, in which there was not some evidence of alarm of animals. Chickens will fly around to try to get under cover. Dogs will howl and try to get into the house. Horses will run away. In the case of the Texas fall, in spite of the tremendous area in which the light was observed, we found not a single case in which the animals were disturbed. We knew of the case of a farmer who had, in sunny Texas, a pond with a five-inch layer of ice, who reported that a meteorite had fallen through the ice on that pond, had broken a hole. Captain

Neef here put on a pair of rubber boots and very thoroughly searched the pond without finding a meteorite. Even in that case there was no evidence of alarm by the animals. I believe with that summary, I'd better cease operations and have you ask questions.

Question: How many observed falls?

Dr. LaPaz: I'd like to classify those into three groups. I would say that there are ten instances that definitely merit the most serious consideration. They are strictly analogous to the green fireballs of the night of December 12. On top of that, there must be something of the order of twenty more which are so well reported, from Los Alamos for example, that although the green fireballs observed showed small..the nature of the fireball....many observations of observers who paid practically no attention to the sky at any other time in their lives and now when they see a really bright light, they report it. You will find a great many instances of bluish-white fireballs. In my opinion, those falling vertically and leaving trails, are simply ordinary shooting stars. Of high intensity, that is, what we call fireballs, a blue light, are not in any sense to be associated with the green lights. Those three categories then.

Dr. Manley: ?

Dr. LaPaz: In the case of the two green fireball paths, determined from Los Alamos observations, in one case the Starvation Peak incident, we have an East-West motion, and then also a motion exactly parallel to....In other words, these two real paths show, I think they are the only two of the first category that show any real departure from the.....It is possible to explain that. It is quite evident that we have no case of assurance that both groups of observers, the observers at Starvation Peak and the observers at Los Alamos, saw the same point of....so that if we were to merely ask what are the limits within which such real paths might fall, it turns out that it might be as short as 12 miles instead of being 25 miles long, and in that case it would be directed almost directly to the North; it would come down very nearly within 2 degrees, 5 degrees say, of the North. In the case of the Texas observations, whereas I have indicated and the maps show, we have many observations by trained observers, motion is clearly almost directly North to South. I have been informed that there are reasons for regarding the ......out here (ditch digger)..and you notice that this passes reasonably close to Lubbock. The same is true of the two earlier fireballs, those of December 12 and December 20. They both passed – one passed centrally over Los Alamos and the other about six miles North of the center, but this would not be true....(ditch digger). One point that possibly should have been mentioned earlier is this: I was the more interested when Captain Neef came to my office and brought the December 5th incident to my mind because very much earlier I had been contacted first by...White, Director of Texas Observers, from a Dr. Pruitt, Director of Northwestern Section, City Section, of the Meteor Society, I had been informed that earlier occurrences of bright green fireballs, not too far from the Hanford area. When Captain Neef came in with reports of green fireballs near Las Vegas and particularly when he disclosed that there was a Los Alamos near Las Vegas – the real Los Alamos – it had much interest.

Dr. Holloway: Are there any reports of these from other installations, such as Troy, New York, or places like that?

Dr. LaPaz: I raised that question and I know of no other cases. I mean to say the areas from which these reports come, as in one, for such evidence as ......they do not relate to the green fireballs; they relate to the daylight occurrence of horizontal moving, bright white objects - some in Memphis, Tennessee in May, 1948 - that is not too far from Oak Ridge. They relate to the Hanford area as far as the Pruitt observations go, and to the observations that I've mentioned here in the Las Vegas-Los Alamos area.......A very curious thing has come to light during these investigations. I published not long ago an article in Science Illustrated on the recovery of the....Town meteorite. The time that fall, February 18, 1948, the rumor got around somehow in Northern Kansas and Southern Kansas that it was a Russian bomb, and it was aimed at the geographical center of the United States which is not very far from.....Apparently, a great many people gave credence to that rumor and were delighted when we finally recovered meteorites up there and proved it wasn't anything but an ordinary meteorite fall. Incidentally, it did not have the characteristics of the green fireball we're talking about here. There was an air transport pilot who made a most curious observation while flying near Cherbourg on January 16, 1946. His observation was the observation of a bouncing meteor. After what I've been telling you about the green fireballs, you probably think it not unreasonable that a meteorite should bounce but to the meteorlytical mind that seems very hard to swallow. The interest is that one of your own persons here at Los Alamos, one and confirmed at least in part by four other persons, saw one of the green fireballs come down and then glide off horizontally. The bouncing meteorite is usually explained by having it form, any sinusoidal motion lying in about the plane at which the observer was looking so that he first saw the high point of the curve or the peak. The next time it was at the peak, it was so far away that the altitude was very low, which will give you the appearance of a bouncing meteorite. I offer that as a possible explanation. Of course, he may have landed in Paris before he made the Cherbourg flight and then we should disregard the testimony entirely!

Mr. Newburger: Dr. LaPaz, you mentioned, I believe, at one of our other meetings that they had compared the color of this with certain metals?

Dr. LaPaz: That's right. Initially we could only ask them what they thought it looked like. And we got such interesting responses that we eventually carried around a spectrum chart and allowed everybody to make his own choice. Of course, the use of the spectrum chart was unnecessary if they have a color like one lady who had around her neck a green scarf which she assured me had exactly the same hue, but normally not having such things to look at, they were pleased to have the chart to look at. They will choose, in 90% of the cases, category 1 and category 2 a wave length which corresponds to something between 4900 and possibly 5300. Most of them will fall very close to 5213 which is about the color you get when you have copper salts in the Bunsen burner. I checked with Dr. Regener on that and asked him if an alloy had been used, like, say, copper beryllium, if there would be any change in that hue, and he has assured me there would not. He said it would still give approximate appearance of beryllium copper.....You will find in probably 1350 of the 1500 only the merest trace of copper occurrence. There are a few meteorites like.......in South Dakota, where little veins of copper have been found, making up possibly .4 of 1%.

Dr. Bradbury: Is this true of all meteorites?

Dr. LaPaz: It's true in any category. Even in the irons, the presence of copper is very hard to detect, very little...(ditch digger). I don't know whether you gentlemen could suggest an easy way to obtain green fireball spectra or not.

Dr. Teller: What is the geographical solution of this?

Dr. LaPaz: Another man would probably answer that best of all.

(Looked at more maps with some talk that was not audible.)

Mr. Hoyt confirmed the green hue of the green fireball he had seen on the night of December 30, 1948. (Record dead for minute or two)

Mr. Hoyt: I would have said approximately as far above the mountain as the floor of the valley was below the top of the mountain. I felt that would give me somewhere in the neighborhood of 20,000 feet or thereabouts. It was about 5 minutes to 6 on my way up here. I have a feeling that it had a downward path. I mean it was going South.

Dr. LaPaz: But it was not strictly horizontal?

Mr. Hoyt: No.

Dr. LaPaz: We have some discrepancies in that regard. 95% of the observations indicate a very nearly horizontal path. One from Fort Worth, Texas, which was not made by.....but measured by them, indicates an elevation of 6 degrees at the beginning and 2½ to 3 degrees at the end.

Mr. Hoyt: That's what I would have said, but remember that the ridge would give you the sensation that it was taking a downward path. Duration - at the time I would say it was approximately 3 seconds.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: How does the calculated velocity of these objects compare with the known velocity of meteorites?

Dr. LaPaz: Apparently very much lower; that is, more than the ordinarily observed meteorite falls. First, to observe in the cast of an actual meteorite fall you have a relation of the velocity from the auricle of...atmosphere down to the impact velocity which may be very...but it isn't fair to compare the velocity of the green fireballs to the impact velocity of..(ditch digger and everyone talking at once)... Not with the trajectory velocity of the meteorite which is the same as the velocity of the fragments that fall from the meteorite. After a meteorite..the fragments fall about like a bomb. Their resistance just about balances out the....and as a result, they come down with about the velocity of a falling bomb, a little less because they do not have the same ballistic coefficient.

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Dr. Bradbury: This is not an excluded ? direction like the....?

Dr. LaPaz: Due to the fact that they have a curve, and practically all times during which darkness is with us, why they tend to come in from that direction?

Dr. Bradbury: Would it be a shower?

Dr. LaPaz: That was my first explanation, as a matter of fact. Geminate showers with a maximum of December 10 to December 12. The first evidence that I had was Sgt. Kinsley's report on December 2 and since often the forerunners of the showers will...I thought we were talking about Geminate showers except that I never observed a green Geminate. Matter of fact, a check of observations made at that time found that there were 414 observations since 1915 and there wasn't a single one, Geminate or non-Geminate, for which any hue of green was mentioned. Later, for instance on the night of December 12, you could watch the Geminate come down..and notice that they came in at high angles to the horizontal, whereas the green fireballs,...incidentally, we have another interesting piece of evidence there - Dr. Sherman Smith from the University - I mention an observation that he made on the same night. The time of the observation is in dispute. According to Dr. Smith it was probably as late as 10:50. He had to wait for a long time, he said, for his wife to pick him up after the concert was over. Mrs. Smith, however, times it around 10:10. Whatever the time, within one hour or say an hour and a half after the green fireball and the horizontal path were observed, we have another extremely bright blue fireball come out of the Geminate rays. I mention this because some of the first persons to concern themselves with this problem suggest that the green fireballs were simply abnormally bright Geminates. Apparently you can have very large Geminate falls of the color estimated by a trained..... checked with the spectrum charts...is quite distant, I assure you, from the green fireballs.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: How good is the coverage of the observers of the American Meteor Society as far as the top-half of the United States is concerned?

Dr. LaPaz: It depends a good deal upon overcast conditions. I would say, however, that this year the Eastern half of the country has offered phenomenal observing conditions. One of my reasons for withdrawing from Ohio State was that after 13 years there I had given up hope of ever seeing a meteorite shower because during the season of maximum intensity of the falls we had heavy overcase, snow and so forth. On the other hand, this year they're had reasonably open skies. I have obtained no reports from people in that part of the country. We thought we had a definite check because Harvard College has now installed a photographic meteor station near or possibly inside the White Sands Proving Ground. Since the 12th of December, you correct me if I exaggerate here, we have been trying to determine the color and other characteristics of the ten or 12 brightest meteors observed at that station. We still don't know what they saw. We know they were operating and they made some photographs, but Captain Neef can probably tell you the red-tape channelization impedimenta that has dropped out any determinations better than I can.

Captain Neef: Well, it's one of those things; it's a Navy contract and they are not at liberty to divulge what they find, so we have to go through Washington, the Bureau of Ordnance, to get the information.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: I believe I can get that information; as a matter of fact, I feel very certain that I can. Just a matter of approach.

Dr. LaPaz: I feel certain if I had contacted Dr. Fred Whipple, for example, I could have obtained it, but his other occupations keep him away from that installation. And actually I felt as a meteorist, it might be wise to have OSI appeal for information rather than to ask for it directly.

Captain Neef: They did tell us they weren't using films which were going to be susceptible to these colors.

Dr. LaPaz: But, of course, they are making constant visual observations and if you were able to determine visual observations 100 miles from Los Alamos don't reveal the occurrence of bright green fireballs, I think it would be significant. I don't know why they should avoid the Southern-half of the State.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Let us say if these had been at extremely high altitudes, they would have been visible from White Sands without any question.

Captain Neef: This one of the 30th definitely was visible from White Sands because Commander Holloman ? and his wife and one of his assistants and his wife saw it from there.

Dr. LaPaz: On the other hand, you have evidence like that of Professor Talbot ? now in charge of the optical trajectory section down there, an experienced astronomer, a member of the American Meteor Society. I talked with him about this, and he has observed nothing out of the ordinary. I don't think anybody, I mean in the line of green fireballs, in this area has been observing as much as he does. I don't see how he could miss sighting some of these.

Question: What explanation do you have for this?

Dr. LaPaz: The only explanation is the one I gave in the beginning and had my ears promptly boxed for. I think these are defensive manoeuvers of some higher U. S. Command and they are practising in the neighborhood of the regions they are going to defend, so naturally your localization of light near the atomic bomb installations, but boy, am I scolded for that! Even Dr. Kaplan of the FAD ? tells me no, no, the FAD would know all about it, and they don't have any facts.

Dr. Bradbury: Is this the physicist Kaplan?

Dr. LaPaz: Yes. Kaplan is my old boss. He was chief of the operational analysis section when I was....director there...........During Kaplan's visit

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to the University of New Mexico, where he was lecturing, we called a conference with Major Godsoe and other interested parties. He gave a brief resume of the observations that had been made to date. Now, Kaplan is one of the charter members of the American Meteor Society, and he said certainly these could not be conventional meteorite falls. He, of course, mentioned as other people do who have not gone into it more thoroughly, the possibility of abnormal types of meteorite falls, that might come in from a peculiar direction or might droop at very low level, but I don't think he was able to explain the absence of sound.

Dr. Teller: Did I understand you correctly that the velocity of the object appears to be some 50 kilometers per second?

Dr. LaPaz: No. In the case of the green fireballs something between 3 miles per second and 12 miles per second. Depending, you see, if you choose one ruled map or another. For example, let me illustrate how that affects the velocity determination. This is the one I think possibly best represents the observations of the case of the fireball of December 12. That is the path I assume the Los Alamos observers saw the same point of the curves that the Starvation Peak observers did, likewise to the point of disappearance. If we deny that possibility, the path might shorten to this dotted line (Dr. LaPaz worked on maps with Dr. Teller, explaining paths.) Drooping from 25 to something between 11 and 12 miles. The January 30 observation gave us our first long path.

Dr. Teller: How long was it?

Dr. LaPaz: The first observations we had here indicated...That was because of errors in the determination of the azimuth at the point of beginning, made due to the faulty transit they used. But that's correct that the path runs over 100 miles.

Dr. Teller: And how long does it take?

Dr. LaPaz: Duration estimates range from 5 to around 14 seconds. I think that a 10 second average is about the best, that would give about 10 miles per second.

Dr. Bradbury: Green is not an unknown color in meteors?

Dr. LaPaz: If I were to rewrite the report that I first presented on that subject, instead of saying "rarely observed" this color green, I think I would now say "never observed". You sometimes see green, Dr. Bradbury, but it is a blue-green. The blue-green color is rare, but it is observed. For instance, Dr. Sherman Smith's observation was essentially a blue-green, but on the blue side.

Dr. Bradbury: What other colors do you see in meteors?

Dr. LaPaz: Whites chiefly. If you look closely and without interference from outside lights, yellows, oranges and reds.

Dr. Bradbury: But it's apparently a yellowish-green we're talking about here. If you can see a bluish-green, you can also see yellows and whites.

Dr. LaPaz: There is some defect, possibly in the vision, that requires a pretty high intensity in that yellow-green before it's noted in a meteor fall.

Dr. Bradbury: Looks like green?

Dr. LaPaz: Yes it does, that's perfectly true. Now here's a peculiar property of those yellow-green fireballs - some people will refer to them as red. The only explanation that I can think of is they report afterwards that they see what is an exposure to a very green-bluish light rather than the light itself - I don't know if that is correct. And, incidentally, due to your observation, I don't know how to explain the inability of meteor observers to report this renegade color, but I simply know it doesn't occur. You go through long lists, like those of the American Meteor Society, you will find, I imagine, not 1 in 100 where a green is mentioned. Even in the case of the ? showers, where you have large numbers of very bright colors - let me recall something that all of you must have seen. The....shower of October 9, 1946 - anyone here who saw that? There were large numbers of extremely bright fireballs at that time. Kaplan himself recalled that they were blue, maybe blue-green, but never yellow-green. And I observed those under very favorable circumstances - we were flying at about 20,000 feet in a B-29. We had no absorption effects at all. They definitely did not show hues of green.

Dr. Bradbury: You mentioned the noise problem also. The noise occurs only when the meteor itself blows up, breaks up?

Dr. LaPaz: No, that isn't strictly true. You have, in addition to the hollow sound, the normal sound of the breakup of the....you have headwind; you're near the path. You get a real shock; for instance, we have....apparently broken up by that headwave, shock wave, in the case of the Norden County Falls. And then from the turbulence and reflections all the way along the path, you will have a rumbling which may endure not for the matter of a tenth of a second, but for minutes, and they're real rough.

Dr. Bradbury: But these occur fairly close to the trajectory?

Dr. LaPaz: No. In the case of the Norden County Falls again, they were heard clear down to....City. Shakes buildings that far away. The....Falls were heard up to 300 miles from the point of impact.

Dr. Bradbury: Large number of observations......

Dr. LaPaz: No, there again I checked very carefully because I was concerned. I am trying desperately to give a logical explanation to the absence of sound.

I have found in the literature only three cases where no detonations, no rumblings were reported. One of these is the Belgium observation in 1835, and I think should be discounted because meteorists hardly existed at that time. Some falls occurred and were not reported at all. The other two are reasonably recent observations - one in 1921 and one in 1922. They occurred, however, in the deep South where negroes, I think, were the only observers. Even there, the whizzing of the meteorites as they fell through the air, was reported. I know of no case of an actual meteorite where at least the whizzing of the falling body coming down through the air has not been reported.

Dr. Bradbury:....?

Dr. LaPaz: Meteorite falls, I believe that was the way you phrased it? In the case of a shooting star, of course, you never hear a thing because the entire mass is very kindly vaporized before it gets, say, within 50 miles of the earth......Not only noises, but accompanied by such noises that persons or animals are really frightened out of their wits. For example, we have a beautiful case where 2 horses killed themselves - in the Norden County Falls - they may have been felled by meteorites, but I'm inclined to think that the noise frightened them until they dashed into a ditch...Animals go crazy.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Do you think it unusual no fragments are found?

Dr. LaPaz: I certainly do. And I think it unusual, not only in the case of the green fireballs, but in view of the fact that a great fall, like the...fall of October 30, 1947, wherefor the first time we detected a bit of the interest on the party of the military, there too we recovered nothing. October 30, 1947, about 4:48 in the afternoon there was, what appeared to be, a tremendous meteorite fall over the reservation area - the Four Corners Area. We got there within a very few hours, had excellent observations, went back time and again, exhausted ground search, CAP people in airplanes, we had a radio centered, we had radio controlled Jeeps and a lot of people out walking around - not a trace. I can't give you a color on that because....

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Ordinarily, when phenomena of that nature occurs, you are able to recover some material?

Dr. LaPaz: Yes, some material is recovered almost always. If proper search is conducted by Gill Field Corps of Intelligence Unit; Dr. Lansberg of the Research and Development Board, very kindly interested himself in the problem and the air searchers resulted not even in the discovery of a broken branch. The region is heavily forrested. If branches had been broken, I think they would have been detected. I haven't classified that particular fall, however, with the green fireballs and for this reason: that left a train. Another thing which I might have mentioned - a normal meteorite fall....will produce a long enduring train visible by day and night. Luminous by night and by day, illuminated by the sun.

In the case of the irons, it will be very faint, but it'll be there if you look for it. In the case of the Four Corners Fall, that train was observed and I'm inclined to believe that it might have been a conventional meteorite fall. In the case of the green fireballs, to my knowledge, no such train has been observed. That question is always asked of people - did you observe a long enduring train; their replies were always negative.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Then you would say there were 10 incidents which are analogous to the green fireballs, with reports checked by a sufficient number of independent observers, that there is no doubt whatsoever of their occurrence?

Dr. LaPaz. That's right.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Then there are 20 with some deviations, two of these probably are related to the green fireballs.....

Dr. LaPaz: I believe two of those incidents I mentioned occurred before the 5th of December. A very remarkable one of the 4th of August - note that that again is very close to the time of.....meteor shower....From late in July on and my report will be producing quite a number of these...., but it is physically impossible with this particular observation from near.....Oregon....

Dr. Bradbury: Then their directions were wrong?

Dr. LaPaz: As a matter of fact, we can't tell because they were single observations. Maybe I should pass that letter around, but it is, I believe, the first detailed report on what might be characterized as a typical green fireball. After the Oscar.... incident of January 1, 1948, was merely a remarkable green flash, which might have had some other interpretation.

(Dr. LaPaz showed some letters around the table, and there was general talk not able to be picked up individually)

Major Godsoe: The basic purpose of this meeting is: we want you to find a meteor!

Mr. Newburger: Have the military - anyone from the National Defense establishment - given us anything? Sent out any conjectures about this thing?

Major Godsoe: No, most of the military authorities think we are crackpots; that is, except for the Army Air Force, which is taking an active interest in details.

Mr. Newburger: The Air Force does have the primary interest in this gadget?

Major Godsoe: Yes, the Air Force is the gathering, reporting agency for this phenomenon.

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Comdr. Mandelkorn: I'd like to remove that temporary statement about the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project; we aren't laughing...(record blank for minute or two)

Dr. Bradbury: None of us are experts in this field, so we essentially have to believe what we are told. I suppose if you try to look for logical explanations, there are probably some.

Dr. LaPaz: I would like to ask one question here - unless you feed power into a body moving into a horizontal path, can it preserve essentially a horizontal trajectory? A plane does it; meteorites don't do it; shows curves as the energy falls off. This thing apparently ignores air resistance and gravity and goes blissfully on its way......

Dr. Teller: As far as straightness of the path is concerned, if you have a meteorite that you have observed for 10 seconds, and in these 10 seconds it has gone a distance of 100 miles, it will have fallen in this distance 1/3 of a mile and now I should like to dare any observer to tell a curvature of this kind - because you are completely unprepared for the phenomenon.

Dr. LaPaz: As it slows down, it curves toward the bottom.

Dr. Teller: But apparently before it has happened, slowed down too much or exploded or something, and then it has disappeared. Now the...point is, of course, if it has no power it will slow down, but I do not know how quickly you would have to estimate that; furthermore, the rate at which it slows down will depend very much on the question whether it has been at a 10 mile altitude or a 20 mile altitude.

Dr. LaPaz: The elevation estimates are very concordant on these, and I doubt that you will be able to change that elevation of 8 to 10 miles by very much. These are the real path observations that I have mentioned.

Dr. Teller: Well, can you say....do you think anything can be said about that?

Dr. LaPaz: I doubt it. The eye, of course, is not a good speedometer. You can't detect a change. At least, I did not in the one observation that I made, and no such change has been reported. In the case of those who observed the green fireballs say that near the end of the Texas fireball path of January 30 it was noted that the fragments moved out leisurely to the point at which there was apparently less velocity, as shown by them on the green fireball itself. May I mention, however, that in the case of the normal meteorite fall that curvature in the path, the transverse vertical, is one of the most apparent. You see that in the case of any large, ordinary detonation fireball fall even though it may not produce...there is a tendency to curve.

Dr. Teller: What about total light...How does the brightness compare to the brightness of the meteorites that come from a meteor?

Dr. LaPaz: In the case of the Texas fall, this is very rough; I didn't see it, I can only base an estimate say on the comparisons that were made with the moon as to size and total intensity. In the case of the Texas fall it would certainly be comparable to – it was one of the brightest observed fireballs in total intensity....In the case of the Starvation Peak incident, we can compare it with Venus which was conveniently located, and it certainly was of stellar magnitude minus 4, possibly a little brighter. That comparison was made almost immediately after the observation.....

Mr. Hoyt: It was very bright and clear that night....

Dr. Teller: You saw it at 6 o'clock?

Mr. Hoyt: At five minutes to six. Very, very clear that night.

(ditch digger – in between ditch digger, a few coherent remarks:)

Dr. Manley: In 1945 or 1946 I observed practically the same thing as in this letter. We thought it was a roman candle. Definitely light green in color. I am still worried about the fact that they don't report any green color in these falls.

Dr. Bradbury: Lack of noise, lack of...., the lack of these things would be equally astounding for any material object.

Dr. LaPaz: Dr. Kaplan suggested the possibility of the same sort of phenomenon that he could produce experimentally in his laboratory...and he tells me under certain conditions he can produce a globe or lumps of yellowish-green light..... He conjectured for a minute that that might have some relation – an artificial aurora.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: As long as you brought that up, Maj. Johnson has a letter I obtained from Gen. Bunker which may be pertinent. Gen. Bunker transmitted the information you've heard to the Air Material Command, and in reply received a letter from an Air Force General who recently returned from Alaska. I'll let Dr. LaPaz read this.

Dr. LaPaz: This is closely related to what I was talking about. It begins: "Dear Bunker: Received your interesting phenomena of 1 February and promptly turned it over to Howard...now saddled with the responsibility of clues. Regard as coincidental that on dates you mention Gen. Carroll was in Fairbanks, Alaska, and on his return related that he had never seen before in his life such a beautiful technical display of Northern Lights. Maybe what these people have seen is a reflection from the.....of these pyrotechnics. So far as we know, it is still phenomena and not material. Best Regards, Paul".

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Dr. LaPaz: May I make the observation that if you look in the chapter by....... you'll find that in Alaska where this observation was reported, there are very few times at this season of the year when you can't see an aurora.

Dr. Teller: I have the feeling that it is....either a discovery in physical psychology or.....

Dr. LaPaz: I thought that psychological element would come in here!

Dr. Teller: Here is a slightly irrelevant question - you brought in the flying discs. What is the connection?

Dr. LaPaz: I didn't bring in the flying discs.

Mr. Newburger: I brought in the matter of the flying discs because the Air Force, as I understand, now have classed the flying discs and these fireballs into one catagory.

Captain Neef: ...The only indication we have is a letter from [illegible] in Washington Saturday where they indicated the old project Sign is now project Grudge, which includes the phenomena observed in New Mexico. They knew of this meeting and were going to send a representative.

Dr. LaPaz: I just asked Mr. Hoyt a moment ago how he would compare the brilliance of this object with that of an aircraft flare. He said they were of comparable magnitude. I think that was definitely ruled out...

Dr. Teller: I understood that a reasonable explanation of the flying discs - and I suppose that it is generally known - is that they are meteorological balloons.... I understand that in quite a number of cases there have been very close directions established....I must say that from what you have said it certainly sounds like everything else but meteors. The thing that impresses me is your evidence of the horizontal flight. Meteors do not usually come in like that...

(mumbled talk between Drs. Bradbury and Teller)

Captain Neef:.....Change of direction such that we haven't been able to follow it up yet. One of our men was returning Sunday night when our tower operator saw this object to the Southwest from Kirtland Field and.....Arizona reported it was Southeast from them. From the Kirtland tower it was a bronze color. The time checks, but from....Arizona it was green until it turned straight down and veered going.....

Dr. LaPaz: Dr. Teller, may I mention this one other instance that shows maybe why I have more concern than is merited by the evidence I am able to present. I deal with Vic Regener and I know that the physicist doesn't like to work with anything that can't be photographed. I share that view but a meteorist is not available sometimes to photograph shooting stars, even the conventional type. During the war I was acting as Director of the Ohio Section of the American Meteor Society and all at once we began to get reports of large numbers of stationary fireballs; not moving. The burst

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was there, but no motion. Now one who observes normal conventional fireball falls is aware of the fact that not 1 out of say 300 shows actual finity; there is always motion. So, this looks very, very strange. Of course, you all know what those stationary fireballs turned out to be. They were the self-destructive devices on Japanese paper balloons operating. You had a hydrogen filled sphere with a two-crown mask of magnesium flash-light powder. And when the magnesium and the hydrogen went off together, you could see it for a long way. We got stationary fireballs but ~~they~~ certainly were not meteoritic. My experience since I was suspected of psychological apparitions at the time I reported these stationary fireballs to, for example, Dr. Kamplan, my experience with...led me to be very cautious about taking my concern...but at the same time I feel that we shouldn't be too hasty in giving a natural explanation to these green fireballs.

Dr. Tellar:....but I would like to ask, these phenomena are apparently quite bright, more luminous than normal meteorites?

Dr. LaPaz: Well, the January 30th one was; I would say that about the one I saw on December 12. That was a very bright fireball, but not extraordinarily so.

Dr. Teller: What is the chance of getting pictures?

Dr. LaPaz: I refer to the one attempt that was made on the night of December 19. We set up a photographic patrol - the AEC, as you probably know, has been interested in this problem. They brought a lot of speed graphics and so on and set them up. Mr. Maxwell, a member of the group...,and they were able, I think the night before, to photograph a bright Geminate. But on the night of the 19th nothing was observed. The next night, however, the night of the 20th there was an incident which I believe might have been photographed, but by that time the equipment had been disbanded and nothing was obtained. I should think, with proper coverage, say 10 to 15%, of these should record themselves provided you do not use green insensitive...and film such as the......

Dr. Tellar: Is there any possibility of having a wide coverage of the sky triggered by a photo cell?

Dr. LaPaz: I have discussed that, for example with Dr. Weneger, who has been very much interested in the apparatus, and his answer is more or less in the negative. I understand that Cornell University - Cartline of Cornell - has produced some sort of photo-electric triggering device which has been used in this connection. I wrote him about it, asking for reprints or instructions, but never received a reply.

Question: Do you think you are going to find film sensitive to this green color fast enough? We have some that can't be left out over 12 hours...............

Dr. LaPaz: It should be possible ...The conventional meteor cannot be photographed at the present time. The so-called meteorschmitts that Harvard College is now having produced at very great expense, they expect to go down to the 4th and possibly fainter. With one of those, a bright green fireball might be photographed, but they are not available...

Mr. Newburger: Does anybody know if there were any experiments carried out in Europe, prior to the war when our last best information came from over there, along this line?

Dr. LaPaz: Not to my knowledge. I raised that question with Dr. Kaplan and he gave me some rather surprising information. Dr. Kaplan had attended the IAU meetings in Syria ? and the Russians had a large representation there. Sufficiently large, as a matter of fact, to beat down the proposal that the IAU appoint an international committee to investigate the so-called.... meteorite crater produced in the fall of 1947, February 12. On the contrary, at the Oswald, I think it was, conference of the International Geophysical Union, none of the Russian geophysicists were present. Kaplan's interpretation was that they feel so far ahead of us that they didn't think they could learn anything, and they were taking the precaution that no leak occurred.

Mr. Newburger: Were the Germans experimenting in any phase that was possibly connected with it?

Dr. LaPaz: Well, they had the so-called stations in space ...might have some attachment to it.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: You don't have any record of experiments.

Dr. LaPaz: No, no knowledge of experiments. I have the belief that no country in the world has there been meteoritics developed as it has in Russia in recent years. Recently, the Academy of Science of the USSR has been issuing a so-called meteoritic, an extradorinary publication - very little work of the caliber being done by the Russians has been conducted in the United States. Apparently, there it has big support; here, it is an individual matter. Until we had some military interest in meteoritics, we were never able to found even an institute in meteoritics in the United States. The one in New Mexico is an outgrowth of application of meteoritics to determine, say, ballistic coefficients for shells of unconventional design like the proximity fuze shell with the radio in its nose, and that sort of thing. That's where we got a start. Apparently, the Russians got that earlier and have full-fledged state support.

Dr. Holloway: How much interest would the military have if they found out these things were landing all over the country, Canada, Hawaii, etc.?... Have you contacted people in the East?

Dr. LaPaz: Olivia, C.C. Olivia, President of the AMERICAN Meteor Society, King, Leonard, Pruitt, Kaplan, etc. Most of them have been observing ; Kaplan, I imagine, has not [illegible] is now preoccupied with laboratory experiments. I think that if anyone of the UCLA Institute of Geophysics had been observing, it would have gotten to Kaplan's ears.... There are two great advantages to this area; first, you have clear skies at night and can observe them as they come down, and second, (record blank for a minute or two).

Dr. Holloway:..... this was before the war. They had a telephone network which covered a fair section of the East there.... a network so that your observations.... I mention this to indicate, I don't know what he is doing now, but at least they may have a group of people who have been observing. May not be in a position to... green fireballs, but they might have seen them.

Dr. LaPaz: My one attempt to contact.... and unfortunately I did not approach him again for information, but someone acquainted with him should certainly ask if they have observed any of this sort of thingthere.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Well, wouldn't phenomena of this nature have been reported to the Society, no matter where they occurred?

Dr. LaPaz: Yes, I would think so. For example, you can consult the so-called meteor notes of the American Meteor Society, and popular astronomy, they are published from month to month with the President, C. C. Olivia, Director of the Florida Observatory at the University of Pennsylvania. I've been through those very carefully. There's one single solitary case of a fireball which by one of the observers - a doubly observed fireball - so it was possible for me to.... in which one of the observers mentions a green color. Not this peculiar yellow-green which most people in that work find unusual, and in the case of that the elevation determined is of the order of, oh 199 kilometers from the beginning point and roughly 100 for the end, so I think it is only an ordinary fireball; nothing unusual about it. That was the only case I found.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: According to recent records, where the observation conditions in other parts of the country satisfactory? At least part of the time?

Dr. LaPaz: Well, I infer from the fact that we have had so much trouble out here and the East has been bragging about its climatic advantages; that probably during the recent months, they have had good observancy. I haven't attempted a full scale check on that.

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Let's put it this way then: Have there been a sufficient number of fireballs reported in the last 60 days in other parts of the country to lead us to infer that had some of these occurred, they would have been reported?

Dr. LaPaz: I think that definitely is true. To my knowledge, as far as the contacts I've had with Olivia and so on, there was nothing out of the normal noticed in the East, and in the South, shall we say as far up as White Sands. Whether the Harvard Observatory setup observed anything peculiar or not, I don't know. We tried right away to get that information. We were told by the gentleman in charge down there, I'm sure this will be interest to you, that it was impossible to make an estimate of the approximate wave and angstroms without detailed spectroscopic equipment, which he did not possess. So whether the Captain actually cut out the spectrum charts and sent them to him or not, I don't know, but it was considered.

Dr. Bradbury: Well, we're not coming up with any bright ideas for you very fast.

Mr. Newburger: No, but as long as we have the problem presented to you, maybe by thinking on this, you will come up with an idea!.... Of course, you know our entire connection with started with Madelyn Gwynn Merchant back in 1946!

Dr. LaPaz: Except for the flying discs, nothing that you could say would cause me greater embarrassment! I have actually had communications from Madelyn myself.

Dr. Teller: Your statement of the absence of sound when this thing has gone apparently overhead at the distance of 10 miles, within earshot of people.

Dr. LaPaz: That seems incomprehensivle, doesn't it, Dr. Teller? I'm glad to hear you say that because that has been my feeling from the beginning. And we tried desperately to get confirming evidence whenever sounds were mentioned. No reports have been obtained.

Dr. Teller: I must say that the admission in which one could get.... typical phenomenon is something in the light of...

Dr. LaPaz: Kaplan told me he was going to get out one of his old blow pressure tubes and begin experimenting as soon as he returned from the UCLA, to see if he could duplicate in any way the descriptions we have given him.

Dr. Holloway: What sound does a P-2 make when it goes overhead?

Dr. LaPaz: I can tell you what they make when they come down.

Comdr, Mandelkorn: I can tell you what they make when they go overhead at the height of about 1,000 yards. But anything manmade that passes overhead at the height of 8-10 miles, at this speed, could be inaudible.

Dr. Teller: You think it could be?

Comdr. Mandelkorn: I think it could be. The only .

Dr. Teller: Even if it went at the speed of 10 miles p r second?

Comdr. Mandelkorn: Well,

Dr. Teller: You see, at that time, the....begins to come up.

Dr. LaPaz: You bet it does.

Dr. Bradbury:.....

Dr. Teller: You have to get a shock wave out of it. With a very small object the shock wave would be smaller than....I have not made calculations on it, but it's just common sense...

Dr. LaPaz: I would like to ask a question. Isn't it true in the case of the so-called light movement that you have very intense, luminous effects off them without noise?

(talk between Drs. Bradbury and LaPaz too fast and too jumbled to be transcribed.)

Comdr. Mandelkorn: From what Dr. Teller said apparently a solid object converging with the atmosphere horizontally at about 8 to 10 miles altitude, it's incredible that it wouldn't be accompanied by some sort of sonic phenomenon.

Dr. Teller: I would like to repeat that to try to get an estimate of the size of the object, that it would have to have in order to get sound effects, is not an easy thing, but offhand I would say - this is what I would expect - that you get a very small object, as small as an inch or smaller.

Dr. LaPaz:......

Dr. Teller: If I remember correctly, the intensity, the amount of energy that goes into a shock wave is proportional to the square of the velocity. The velocity that you have here proportional to the square of the velocity and of course, is proportional I should think probably to the square of the linear dimensions of the object that you have. Now you have 10 miles per second... velocity of the object that you have. Now you have 10 miles per second... velocity you have 20 miles per second, so this could be, on that count, ten times fainter - the sound would be ten times fainter. On the other hand, a meteorite that you will hear, I think,...... that much across....

(too much cross talk)

Dr. Teller: That is something we could do right away. Now I do not know, tried to get from you information on brightness, but I would like to ask again some details...

Dr. LaPaz: The brightest meteorite fall in history, of which we have historical record, was the... fall in 1908, June 20....estimates the power, the light powr, of that was of the order of 10^{18} - 10^{19} ergs per second. In the case of the Texas fall it was probably not 100,000th as bright.

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Dr. Teller: Now let's try to get a check of this.

(Dr. Teller then spent approximately the next twenty minutes or so figuring on the blackboard - estimating light, speed, kinetic energy, shock wave, etc.)

Dr. Teller: If I can just believe everything I have heard and put it together with what I theoretically believe in, it ought to be a material body - might be an electron phenomenon.

Dr. LaPaz: You see why I'm puzzled, Dr. Teller. Nothing like this, to my knowledge, has ever been observed in the case of meteorite drops.

Dr. Teller: If you go to a group like UCLA or some other place where they have a good sound laboratory, they ought to be able to take the absence of sound observations - that is definitely incompatible, assuming that you know that there are... and assuming that they have heard no sound from this, they ought to be able to work an upper range upon the sight of the object which has been moving, and from these figures I would be inclined to believe the object could probably not have a heat ? or something like 1 cubic centimeter. One centimeter in dimension, and that in turn would not have given the blinding effect, if it was a material object.

Dr. Bradbury: Wait a minute, I think you've left out something in light effects - you don't have to worry about kinetic energy. You can get your light from chemicals as well.

Dr. Teller: That is correct. ......

Mr. Newburger: This seems to wind up the meeting.

Dr. Bradbury: Still don't feel that the meteor stuff is out. The puzzling thing is the long horizontal path; also absence of noise is puzzling.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AFB, KIRTLAND FIELD, NEW MEXICO

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12 January 1949

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File No. 24-8

SUBJECT: Unknown (Aerial Phenomena)

TO : See Distribution

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

1. The present investigation is based on the series of sightings of anomalous luminous phenomena beginning on 5 December 1948. Reports of previously sighted phenomena are included as they are developed in the course of the investigation. Established dates of sightings in the New Mexico area are 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, and 28 December 1948, and 6 January 1949. Sound phenomena, which may or may not be related are reported on 11 December 1948, and 30 December 1948.

2. In general, the descriptions given by witnesses agree in the major features of the fireballs. A summarized description follows:

a. Location - The majority of the observations have been reported from the Las Vegas-Los Alamos area of northern New Mexico. Sightings from other points in the New Mexico area are almost invariable in that the object is seen in the direction of the Las Vegas-Los Alamos area. Ground tracks plotted from concurrent sightings fall in the immediate vicinity of Los Alamos.

Reports from Idaho, Oregon, and Arizona, concerning allied sightings, have been received but definite identity with the phenomena under investigation has not been established.

b. Color - A brilliant green, similar to a green traffic signal or a green "neon" light, is the usual color cited. Some reports indicate that the light began or ended with a red or orange flash. Other reports have given the color as red, white, blue-white, and yellowish green. The trailing lights (covered below) are said to be red.

c. Shape - With one exception, the shape is definitely round.

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not a point of light. Most descriptions say that there is a definite area to the light source. One report gives the shape as that of a diamond, and another indicates that the trailing lights are elongated.

d. Size - The size is usually given as one-fourth (¼) the diameter of the full moon, when that comparison is suggested. Frequently the size is compared to a basketball, with the trailing lights the relative size of a baseball.

e. Course - The course is usually reported as being on an east-west line. Admissible approach sectors calculated by Dr. LA PAZ indicated the probability that the objects are mostly approaching from the northern quadrant. Plotted ground tracks lie east-west, with one line of flight being east to west and the other almost directly opposite.

f. Trajectory - The trajectory of the objects is almost invariably given as almost horizontal, with occasionally a dip at the terminal end of the path. On two occasions a definite vertical change in course was indicated. In each of these cases, the trailing lights were present.

g. Speed - In most cases the observation period is approximately two seconds, with a large angular distance covered. Measurements of the ground tracks plotted from concurrent sightings give a minimum speed of three (3) miles per second and a maximum of twelve (12) miles per second. If the mean calculated speed be accepted as correct, then a velocity in the order of seven and one-half (7½) miles per second is the result. In this connection it is to be noted that the velocity required for a projectile to overcome both air resistance and the effect of the earth's gravity field is approximately seven and twenty-eight hundredths miles per second.

h. Altitude - The angular altitude varies with each observation, of course, but the altitude plotted from concurrent sightings is between six and ten miles.

i. Sound - On no occasion has any sound been directly associated with the observations of these phenomena. Unexplained sounds have, however, been reported from Los Alamos. A combined sound-light phenomenon has been reported from Oregon, but has not definitely been identified with the subject under investigation.

j. Multiple Units - On at least two occasions reports definitely show that the main luminous object was followed at a fixed distance by two trailing lights. One report shows these trailers as being the same color as the main body, and another that they were red, while the main body was green. In each of these instances a sharp course variation in the vertical plane was noted.

3. The observers upon whose reports this summary is based include

Ltr, Hqd 19 Jan 49, Subj: UNKNOWN Aerial Phenomena, File 24-1.

Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, authority on meteorites, Special Agents of the OSI, airline pilots, military pilots, Los Alamos Security Inspectors, school teachers, truck drivers, and other assorted vocational groups. The congruency of the reports is all the more remarkable when the wide variation in background of the observers is considered.

8. The calculations as to track, height, and velocity are of necessity rough, as the observations upon which they are based were not scientifically accurate. Whenever possible, accurate transit readings have been taken from the spot where the sighting was made. These readings were based on estimated positions of the objects, however, so are not definitive. No photographs have as yet been obtained.

9. The conclusions reached from this investigation are:

a. Some nine (9) specific differences exist between these phenomena and any known meteoric data.

b. It is possible that these are manifestations of some hitherto unobserved natural phenomena.

c. It is possible that they are man made.

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: District Commander
Headquarters, 10th District
Office of Special Investigations (OSI)
Kelly Air Force Base
Kelly Field, Texas

The inclosed Summary of Information, subject and date as above, is forwarded for your information.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

(G-2 NOTE: This report is a supplement to report, this headquarters, subject as above, dated 3 January 1949.)

1. Following is a list of sightings of unidentified lights over New Mexico subsequent to 27 December 1948:

a. Los Alamos, 20 Dec 48, 2054 hours. Falling light from 45 degree angle, decreasing to 20 degree angle. Observed by four security inspectors at Los Alamos AEC project.

b. Los Alamos, 28 Dec 48, 0431 hours. Descending vertical light much slower than falling star. Disintegrated in greenish flash lighting up cloud area between observer and light. Observed by security inspector, Los Alamos AEC project.

c. Los Alamos, 30 Dec 48, 2010 and 2100 hours. High speed motor sound directly over Los Alamos and above overcast. Sound heard for seven seconds (timed) and repeated 10 minutes later. Heard again at 2100 hours for 8.2 seconds (timed). Positive determination that no vehicles on approaching highways and no planes overhead. Checked and observed by Los Alamos security inspectors.

d. Sandia Base, 6 Jan 49, 1730 hours. Brightly lighted object from southeast to northwest. Diamond shape, two feet long. Altitude 1500 to 2000 feet. Speed - faster than a jet plane. No smoke or vapor trail. No sound. Observed by Sandia Base sentry who claims experience in aircraft observation.

2. Dr. LaPAZ, Meteorologist at the University of New Mexico, personally interviewed all persons who have made observations. He has made transit sightings to determine altitudes and angles of flight. He has made a report to the O.S.I. of the U.S.A.F., closing with this remark, "I have no hesitancy in testifying that an object possessing the real path and other peculiarities observed by Messrs [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] was not a falling meteorite."

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TITLE [redacted] Aerial Phenomena	REPORT MADE AT DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio PERIOD 27 & 28 January 1949 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas STATUS RUC

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
Ltr, 10th District, subj as above, dtd 21 Jan 49.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation predicated on letter from ROBERT E. NANCE, Captain, USAF, Acting District Commander, 10th District OSI, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, subject [redacted]T, Aerial Phenomena", dtd 21 January 1949. Investigation revealed AMC Technical Intelligence Division rates [redacted] as having no basis for her theories. Identical request from 4th Army to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attn: MCIAXO-3, answered by 1st Indorsement through Headquarters, USAF, to 4th Army 27 January 1949. No 5th District file in existence. No 10th District reports received this office. Reports were forwarded direct to MCIAXO-3, Headquarters AMC, from 10th District OSI.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated on letter from ROBERT E. NANCE, Captain, USAF, Acting District Commander, 10th District OSI, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, subject, "[redacted], Aerial Phenomena", dated 21 January 1949, to determine if there is any factual coincidence between the reports of Mrs. [redacted] who is regarded as a chronic "crank" complainant, and the actual observations of aerial phenomena occurring in the vicinity of the Los Alamos Atomic Project in New Mexico.

2. Special Agent JOHN W. FARRELL assisted in this investigation.

AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

3. A search of the files of this office revealed no prior information had been received from any source on [redacted]

4. 1st Lt. H. W. SMITH, MCIAXO-3, Project Officer, "PROJECT SIGN", Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio, was interviewed in this office on 27 January 1949. SMITH also made available correspondence from 10th District OSI, Headquarters OSI, and Technical Intelligence Division of the Air Materiel Command. According to a directive from Headquarters USAF, MCIAXO-3, the symbol for the "PROJECT SIGN" Office at Air Materiel Command, is authorized direct communication with any federal investigative agency for information concerning aerial phenomena. SMITH stated that [redacted]s theories and observations have been analyzed by the Technical Intelligence Division and found to be lacking in sound scientific judgement. He stated that no factual coincidence of sightings and [redacted] reports were noted. SMITH stated that the Fourth Army had written a letter similar to the letter referenced on page one (1) of this report and had answered by 1st Indorsement through Headquarters USAF, to the Fourth Army (Incl #1). SMITH made available a letter from Headquarters OSI, stating that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not investigating [redacted]cause of her unreliability and apparent weak mental condition (Incl #2).

Inclosures

FOR HQ OSI, DO #10, & DO #5 (File):

1. 1st Ind, fr MCIAXO-3, Hq AMC, to Fourth Army through Hq USAF, dtd 27 Jan 49
2. Letter, Hq OSI, dtd 18 Jan 49, Subj "Mrs. [redacted] file 24-185.

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Ltr. fr Hqs Fourth Army, 18 Jan 49, to CG AMC, "Unconventional Aircraft"

1st Ind MCIAXS/HWS/imm

Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 1 Feb 1949

TO: Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN: AFOIN

1. It is requested that the following information be forwarded to Headquarters, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, in reply to the basic communication.

2. Since 13 December 1948, the Office of Special Investigations has been conducting a continuous investigation of the unidentified lights observed for the most part in central New Mexico, beginning about 12 December 1948. In their investigation, the OSI has received the voluntary assistance and advice of Dr Lincoln La Paz, Director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico. Frequent reports by OSI are being made to this Headquarters. To date, no plausible explanation for the presence of these lights has been developed.

3. Technical personnel of this Command have studied Mrs [redacted] [redacted]'s letters and have found her theories to be disconnected and not logically developed.

4. This Command requested that Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate Mrs [redacted] in an effort to determine her character, motives and reliability. The files of the FBI indicate that on 14 October 1947, Mr P. M. Juvenal, Security Officer, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, had advised the local FBI office that in his opinion, Mrs. Merchant was probably a psychopathic case. Mr. Sydney Newberger, Chief of Security and Intelligence for the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, New Mexico, advised the FBI that Mrs [redacted] is known to the officials of the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, who consider her to be unreliable and probably not well balanced mentally. In view of this, the FBI did not believe further investigation was warranted.

5. In the course of their investigation of the unidentified lights, the Headquarters, 10th OSI District coordinated with the G-2 Section, Headquarters, Fourth Army. Files of the latter organization indicate that Mrs Merchant associates with known Communists and is considered to be dangerous.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Office of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

24-185 18 January 1949

SUBJECT: Mrs. [redacted]

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

Attention: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to your correspondence of 9 November 1948 and 2 December 1948, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, requesting an investigation of Mrs. [redacted] her reports on flying objects. The Liaison Division of Headquarters, FBI has forwarded your correspondence to this office for transmittal to Headquarters, AMC.

2. The files of the FBI indicate that on 14 October 1947, Mr. P. M. Juvenal, Security Officer, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, had advised the local FBI Office that in his opinion Mrs [redacted] was probably a psychopathic case. Mr. [redacted]urger, Chief of Security and Intelligence for the Atomic Energy Commission at Los Alamos, has advised the FBI that Mrs. Merchant is known to the officials of AEC at Los Alamos, who consider her unreliable and probably not well balanced. On 22 October 1947, Mrs. Merchant appeared at the Oklahoma City office of the FBI to report information concerning "flying discs." It was noticeable at the time that she was suffering from dropsy.

3. In view of the unreliability, and apparent mental condition of Mrs. M[redacted] the FBI does not believe further investigation is warranted, and has accordingly discontinued the investigation. In the event Headquarters, AMC has information to indicate that Mrs. [redacted] possesses classified material on the matters reported by her, then the FBI should be informed through this office, for expediency, setting forth in detail the classification and nature of the material she possesses. Upon the receipt of such information, the FBI will immediately resume the investigation on Mrs. [redacted]

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.	24-9
DATE	5 January 1949
REPORT MADE BY	James J. Teachnor
REPORT MADE AT	Hq 10th CSI Dist., Kelly AFB, Kelly Field, Tex
PERIOD	30 December 48, 3 January 49
OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO #17
STATUS	R U C
TITLE	UNKNOWN (Aerial Phenomena)
CHARACTER	Special Inquiry
REFERENCE	Case Report 24-8DO #17

SYNOPSIS

Major Roger M. Carter, AO 40757, and Captain A. Goade, AO 55483 stated that: On 5 December 1948, flying at 10,000 feet on a heading of 245° magnetic, 25 miles North East of Albuquerque, New Mexico, observed an intense green light at approximately 106° 27' West, 35° 04' North, length of observation two seconds. Weather at time was clear and cold with no moon. Description of light varies with individual observer.

[redacted], undeveloped lead for DO #17 issubject on G-2 Section, Hq 4th Army. File reflects that [redacted] associates with known Communists and is considered dangerous.

Headquarters 4th Army is in receipt of letter from Director of Intelligence, Headquarters General Staff, Washington advising them to expect reports of such incidents as above during this period of the year. All such reports to be forwarded to AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Biggs Air Force Base has not conducted any maneuvers with flares.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

1. This is a joint investigation of Special Agents Hiram W. Johnson, Reuben Strickland and the writer.

2. M/S R. G. Walton, AF 6299736, Randolph Air Force Base, interviewed 4 January 49 stated that he did not see a flare or light on the night of 5 December 1948.

3. Major Roger M. Carter, AO-40767, A-3, Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, interviewed 3 January 49 by Special Agents Hiram W. Johnson, Reuben Strickland and the writer stated in substance: That on 5 December 1948, at approximately 2200 hours, C.S.T., while flying a C-47 aircraft at 10,000 feet on a magnetic heading of 247° indicating 158 M.P.H., about twenty-five miles North East of Albuquerque he observed an intense green light. This light was approximately 500 feet above the plane and some two to five miles to the right. It appeared to be slightly eastof Sandia Peak, 35° 64' North, 106° 27' West. Carter stated that he was looking at the peak mentioned when he first noticed the light. The impression gained was that of an ultra violet light being turned on. The light seemed to grow in intensity and then die out. The color was more green than blue. Estimated length of observation was from one to two seconds. No movement pertaining to the light was noted. The weather at the time was described as being a clear, cold and dark night.

Carter further stated that he was listening to the radio beam at the time and did not notice any radio interference.

4. Captain A. Goade, AC 55483, A-3, Flying Division, Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base was interviewed by Special Agents Hiram W. Johnson, Reuben Strickland and the writer on 30 December 48. Goade stated in substance that at approximately 2135 hours on December 5, 1948 while flying a heading of 230° magnetic, 15 miles North East of Albuquerque, he observed an intense green light estimated at 1½ to 2 miles off the right wing of the airplane. The estimated location of the light would be 35° 09' North, 106° 27 West.

At the time of the observation Goade was flying co-pilot, in the right seat of a C-47 aircraft, altitude 10°, 500 feet. The light appeared to be 500 to a 1000 feet higher than the aircraft. Visibility was estimated at 30 to 40 miles, no overcast, no moon. Speed of the aircraft was 155-160 indicated.

Goade stated that the length of the observation was from 5-15 seconds and he gained the impression of a round green light, accompanied by sparks and a fading tail. The object seemed to describe a parabolic curve in relation to the earth.

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Captain Coade is a veteran of combat flying in the ETO and when pressed for a comparison of the intensity of the light described it as being more intense than the flare normally used in night photography or bombing. Goade stated that he had never seen anything similar to the phenomena noted and could offer no comparison.

5. On 3 January 1949 the files of the G-2 Section, Fourth Army, were checked. It was revealed that [redacted] is the subject of an extensive file. The essence of the file is that [redacted] has been active over a period of two years compiling facts on all reported aerial phenomena and writing letters to various Army area commanders regarding same. Further [redacted] is known to correspond with Communist Front organizations and is considered dangerous.

6. Captain James C. Biddle, Executive Officer, Fourth Army CIC Detachment, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, interviewed 3 January 1949 stated in substance that the Fourth Army is in receipt of a letter from the Director of Intelligence, Headquarters General Staff, Washington, D.C., advising them to expect reports of aerial phenomena during this period of the year and to report same to AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

7. On 30 December 1948 it was ascertained that Biggs Air Force Base did not conduct any maneuvers involving flares.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-3

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REPORT MADE BY CHARLES HAFFSIGER, JR

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PERIOD 6 - 9 December 1948

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(Aerial Phenomena)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 17th District OSI.

Telephonic report received from Security Officer at Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico, on 6 December 1948, advised that an Air Force Pilot had observed an unidentified object similar to a green flare on 5 December 1948, at 2105 hours, west of Las Vegas, New Mexico, and again at 2127 hours on the east slope of the Sandia Mountains near Albuquerque, New Mexico. A commercial pilot reported a similar incident at 2135 hours west of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Pilot of C-47, AF-9921, is identified as Captain A. UCADE, AO-35423, Captain Pilot of Pioneer Flight No. 63 is identified as Mr. [redacted].

New Mexico State Police, Santa Fe, New Mexico, were contacted and had no information to offer reference unusual aerial phenomena.

Mr. H. O. CLOCK, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest, Santa Fe, New Mexico, stated he has received no reports of incidents of this type during the current year. However, in the summer of 1947 a Mrs. [redacted] had made numerous reports to him concerning unusual aerial manifestations in the area from Tierra Amarilla to Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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Chief MATT O'BRIEN, Chief of Police, Las Vegas, New Mexico, stated he had received no prior reports of unusual occurrences of this type.

Patrolman ROLAND UTZ, New Mexico State Police, Las Vegas, New Mexico, stated he had heard a rumor concerning aerial flares in the neighborhood of Las Vegas.

Mrs. [redacted], Las Vegas Flying Service, Las Vegas, New Mexico, stated no night flying conducted from Watson Airport, Las Vegas, and she had heard no rumors concerning aerial flares.

Mr. J. D. MILLER, Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA Municipal Airport, Las Vegas, New Mexico, stated he had heard of no incident of this nature and, in particular, had received no information from any aircraft on 6 December 1948.

Mr. JOHN J. ECKMAN, Mr. R. C. FRANCIS, Mr. C. E. RICH, and Mr. ROY T. TOLLIVER, Aircraft Communicators, CAA, Las Vegas, New Mexico, all stated no previous reports or knowledge of unusual aerial phenomena. These individuals were alerted to report future incidents to the proper investigative agency.

Mr. [redacted] Pioneer Air Lines, Las Vegas, New Mexico, stated he had heard only a rumor from one of his pilots and knew of no unusual incidents regarding flares or lights in the Las Vegas area. Mr. WATSON stated he would report future incidents to Mr. MILLER of CAA.

Mr. [redacted] Ranger, Las Vegas, New Mexico, stated he had no knowledge of any incidents of this type and will submit any future reports to Mr. [redacted] of Santa Fe.

Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] observed an intense green light in the sky at approximately 12,500 feet altitude near Las Vegas, New Mexico, on 8 December 1948. Agents were unable to identify this object and could not estimate distance or size, since no other object was visible on which to base the comparison.

Col. [redacted] stated he has observed an unusual phenomena, bright, white in color, similar to a miniature sun somewhat larger than a basketball, on three (3) different occasions in the vicinity of Vaughn, New Mexico. First observation was made late in 1947; second observation on 3 or 4 November 1948; third observation on 25 November 1948.

Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, Director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, stated that phenomena being investigated could not be explained by him, nor could they be considered as meteors. Dr. LA PAZ

SYNOPSIS (Continued)

mentioned three (3) previous anomalus incidents, the Memphis, Tennessee incident of 7 May 1948; the Texas Observers' incident of 1948, 7 January, and the very remarkable "fireball" fall of 1948, 31 May, 3:42 a.m., MST, across the Los Alamos reservation which was probably meteoritic, but from which no meteorites have been secured in spite of careful search. Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ personally witnessed the occurrence of a similar incident on 12 December 1948, at Las Vegas, N. M.. A statement by Dr. LA PAZ is inclosed.

Col. HAROLD A. GUNN, Base Commanding Officer, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico, advised that he knew of no maneuvers being conducted within this area.

Major WILLIAM P. GODSOE, 4th Army Intelligence Liaison, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that he knew of no maneuvers being conducted within this area.

Mr. JOSEPH H. TOULOUSE, AEC Security, Sandia Base, observed a green flare directly over Sandia Base at 2355 hours, 6 December 1948.

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DETAILS:

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

1. This investigation predicated upon verbal request District Commander, 17th District Office of Special Investigations (IG) USAF, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico.

2. This is a joint investigation of Special Agents JOHN J. STAHL, Jr, HERMAN E. MUNROE, MELVIN E. NEFF, and the writer.

3. On 6 December 1948, Captain JOSEPH MANLEY, Security Officer, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico, reported the following incidents:

> At 2130 hours, 5 December 1948, a C-47, Number AF-8921, enroute from Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado, to Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Arizona, reported his position to the Control Tower, Kirtland Air Force Base, as being approximately ten (10) miles east of Albuquerque. Pilot stated that he had seen a green flare arise from the ground to an altitude of approximately five hundred (500) feet on the east slope of the Sandia Mountains. This incident occurred at about 2127 hours. Pilot stated that he had seen the same type of flare at approximately 2105 hours just west of Las Vegas, New Mexico. No other information was offered by this pilot.
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> At 2200 hours, 5 December 1948, the Control Tower, Kirtland Air Force Base, contacted Pioneer Air Flight #63, which had just completed a flight from Tucumcari, New Mexico, to Las Vegas, to Santa Fe, to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Captain of this flight stated he had seen a green light just west of Las Vegas at approximately 2135 hours. Pilot stated he had believed the light to be a shooting star at first, but, upon questioning, stated the opinion that the light was too near the ground to have been a shooting star. Pilot suggested that the light could have been a Very pistol flare.
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> At [illegible] hours, 5 December 1948, Captain [redacted] Pilot of Pioneer Flight #63, reported by telephone to Kirtland Air Force Base Control Tower, stating that when he first saw the light it appeared to be coming straight toward his airplane and added that he had [redacted] to jerk the airplane from its course to avoid the light. [redacted] said that the light appeared to be coming straight to the ship, then trailed off to the ground. The light was pale green and had a pale green trail. Captain [redacted] said he was hesitant about reporting such incidents since they are generally not accepted.

4. On 6 December 1948, [redacted] Captain and Pilot, [redacted] Pilot, and [redacted] Flight Hostess, all

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civilians, Pioneer Flight #63, were interviewed by S/A MELVIN E. NEEF. This interview was conducted at Pioneer Airline Operations, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico. [redacted] and [redacted] advised that at 2135 hours, 5 December 1948, they were approaching Las Vegas, New Mexico, in a C-47 type airplane at an altitude of 9,000 feet, with a compass heading of 272 degrees. They observed directly ahead and slightly above their altitude, in the vicinity of the Montezuma Mission, a phenomena which first appeared as a bright white flash, then an object came into view which was described as being a whitish, orange color. This object at first appeared to be coming directly toward their airplane, then arched downward and disappeared from sight. This object was in view for only a few seconds and no estimate could be made of the size or distance of the object. Both [redacted] and [redacted] were of the opinion that it would have been impossible for anyone in the passenger compartment to have observed this phenomena. Miss [redacted] stated that she did not observe this object and added that to the best of her knowledge all of the passengers were asleep.

NOTE: It is to be noted that there is a discrepancy in the color of Capt. [redacted]'s initial report and that obtained by interview.

5. On 9 December 1948, Colonel WILLIAM P. HAYES, Infantry, Civilian Component Affairs Officer, New Mexico Military District, was interviewed in his office, Building T-26, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico. This interview was conducted by S/A JOHN J. STAHL, Jr., S/A MELVIN E. NEEF, and the writer. Colonel HAYES advised that he had first observed an unusual aerial phenomena during the latter part of 1947. This occurred in the vicinity of Vaughn, New Mexico. The phenomena appeared to be approximately four or five hundred feet above the ground when first observed and descending slowly and steadily in a vertical manner toward the earth. The object appeared to be slightly larger than a basketball, bright white in color, like a miniature sun. Upon reaching a point approximately two hundred feet above the surface of the earth, the object appeared to explode although no noise was apparent. Colonel HAYES stopped his automobile and got out to watch the object. At this time the explosion, or disintegration, appeared to be taking place some forty to sixty yards distant, and still no noise was noticed. At this time the fragments assumed a fiery red color and descended toward earth like numerous sparks, being extinguished before touching the ground. Colonel HAYES stated that he was on Highway #60 at this time, near a railroad and separated from the vicinity where the fragments were landing by a fence. Colonel HAYES did not cross the fence or investigate further.

6. Colonel HAYES advised that on either 3 or 4 November 1948, and again on 23 November 1948, he observed two similar phenomena as described previously. These observations were in the same vicinity of the original phenomena on Highway #60, near Vaughn, New Mexico. All three of these incidents occurred at approximately 2200 hours. Col. HAYES

also advised that as far as he knew no maneuvers were being held by the National Guard or the Reserve Units in New Mexico.

NOTE: Colonel HAYES did not report any of these incidents, but upon receiving information of similar occurrences having been observed, did volunteer the information contained in this report.

7. On 9 December 1948, Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, Director, Institute of Meteoritics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, was interviewed in his office by Special Agent MELVIN E. NEFF. Dr. LA PAZ produced his credentials which indicated that during the 2nd World War he was Technical Director, Operations Analysis Section, Hq., 2nd Air Force, and is closely associated in an official capacity with Dr. H. E. LANDSBERG, Executive Director, Committee on Geophysics and Geography, Research and Development Board, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. In connection with this capacity he has a secret and a top secret clearance by the Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

8. Dr. LA PAZ explained the behavior of meteors and stated that these phenomena being investigated could not be explained or be considered as meteors. He advised, in view of the unexplained Memphis, Tennessee, incident, the occurrence at Los Alamos, New Mexico, and the proclaimed meteorites fall in Russia, that has not been explained, that the present phenomena should be investigated and an attempt be made to identify them.

9. On 13 December 1948, Dr. LA PAZ gave a statement concerning an incident, which he witnessed at 9:05 p.m., on 12 December 1948. Dr. LA PAZ's statement is inclosed as Encl. No. 1.

10. On 11 December 1948, Major WILLIAM P. GODSON, 4th Army Liaison Intelligence Officer, Sandia Base, New Mexico, advised S/A M. E. NEFF, that there were no maneuvers in this area, and no experiments involving the use of rockets or flares.

11. On 12 December 1948, Col. HAROLD A. GUNN, Base Commander, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico, was interviewed by S/A MELVIN E. NEFF. Col. GUNN advised that he knows of no aerial maneuvers, and feels that in the event that there were, he would be so advised.

AT CHANDLER, ARIZONA

12. On 7 December 1948, S/A HERMAN E. MUNROE, reported from Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Arizona, that Air Force C-47, Number AF-0921, was piloted by Captain A. GOADE, AO-33483. The co-pilot was determined to be Major R. M. CARTER, AO-40767, and the Flight Engineer was M/Sgt R. G. WALTON, AF-299736 - (unknown in its entirety). All of the above personnel were reported to be permanently stationed at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and were enroute from San Antonio,

Texas, to Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. Aircraft and crew departed for Mather Air Force Base, California, before an interview could be conducted.

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

13. On 8 December 1948, Captain K. K. MILLER, New Mexico State Police State Police Headquarters, Highway 85, Santa Fe, New Mexico, was interviewed reference possible previous reports concerning unusual aerial phenomena, flares, lights in the sky, etc.. Captain MILLER stated no reports had been received by this office from any of the State Police stationed throughout the state of New Mexico.

NOTE: Captain MILLER stated that he would report any incidents of this type to the State Police Office in Albuquerque and request that they contact the Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico.

14. On 8 December 1948, [redacted], Santa Fe National Forest, Federal Court House Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, was interviewed reference possible previous reports concerning unusual aerial phenomena, flares, lights in the sky, etc. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had received no reports of incidents of these types during the current year; however, in the summer of 1947, a woman named [redacted] ([redacted], Santa Fe, New Mexico, had reported unusual aerial manifestations to him on numerous occasions. Mrs. [redacted], a writer, and her husband were prospecting throughout the State of New Mexico, and on at least five different occasions, during a period of five to six weeks, Mrs. [redacted] had visited Mr. [redacted] and reported having observed objects which she described as being "cigar-shaped with a glowing tip" in the sky. No information was available as to the altitude, size, speed, or frequency of these objects. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had personally observed these objects from Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico, to Los Alamos, New Mexico. Mrs. [redacted] is believed to have contacted the military security personnel at Los Alamos Atomic Energy Commission (LEAD) installation, and also to have contacted the Governor of New Mexico reference her observations. It is not believed that Mrs. [redacted] is now residing at Santa Fe.

15. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had alerted his Forest Rangers to watch for unusual lights or objects in the sky, but to date had received no reports from them. Mr. FLOCK recommended that [redacted], [redacted] Las Vegas, be contacted for a report of possible activities of this nature in the Las Vegas area.

NOTE: Mr. FLOCK was unusually cooperative and security-conscious. Mr. FLOCK stated that he would discreetly alert his Rangers again and have them report to him all incidents of this nature immediately. These reports will be transmitted in turn to the Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland Air Force Base, Kirtland Field, New Mexico. Mr. FLOCK stated also that he would be glad to cooperate by permitting members of the Office of Special Investigations to make use of temporarily inactive fire towers, or ranger stations, upon request.

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AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

1. On 3 December 1948, Mr. [redacted], Chief of Police, Sixth and University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed reference reports of unusual aerial phenomenon. Chief O'BRIEN stated that he had received no reports of this nature and added that this was the first he had heard of possible occurrences in the vicinity of Las Vegas. Chief O'BRIEN recommended that NOLAND UTZ, State Police, on duty in Las Vegas, be contacted.

2. On 3 December 1948, Patrolman NOLAND UTZ, New Mexico State Police, San Miguel County Court House (Old Town), Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed reference reports on unusual aerial phenomenon. Mr. UTZ stated he had received no reports of this nature and added that only on one occasion had he overheard a conversation about aerial flares in the neighborhood of Las Vegas. This conversation occurred during a meeting of several enforcement agents and Mr. UTZ stated he had no idea who had mentioned the subject. Mr. UTZ stated if he received reports of this type he would report same to the proper Federal agency. Mr. UTZ said that possibly a man named [redacted] who was flying a plane locally and doing advertising with a loud speaker attached to the plane could throw some light on the flares claimed to have been seen in the vicinity of Las Vegas.

3. On 3 December 1948, Mrs. [redacted], Las Vegas Flying Service, Watson Airport, East County Road, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed reference [redacted]ts of flares observed at night in the vicinity of Las Vegas. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was the wife of [redacted] of Las Vegas Flying Service. Mrs. [redacted] stated that business was unusually slow at the Watson Airport, due to the near-abolishment of training of student pilots under the G.I. Bill. No flying is conducted at night from this air field. Mrs. [redacted] added that possibly information could be obtained from the local newspaper office and added that she had heard no reports on flares in the Las Vegas area.

NOTE: Contact was not made with the local newspaper due to the desire of keeping publicity about this investigation to a minimum.

4. On 3 December 1948, Mr. J. C. MILLER, Chief Aircraft Communicator, Department of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration (hereinafter referred to as C.A.A.), Box [illegible], Municipal Airport, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed reference possible previous reports of unusual aerial phenomenon. Mr. MILLER stated he had heard of no incident prior to this interview and added that he was very much interested in events of this nature. Mr. MILLER stated he had received no information from any aircraft on 3 December 1948. A check of the C.A.A. records for this date verified this statement. Mr. MILLER stated that beginning immediately he would alert his Aircraft Communicators to report promptly incidents of this nature to him. These reports would in turn be reported to the Office of Special Investigations, Kirtland AFB, Kirtland Field, New Mexico. If the reports appear to necessitate immediate investigative action, a report will be made to a Federal agent residing in Las Vegas. Mr. MILLER requested that four of

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his six Aircraft Communicators, on duty at time of interview, were interviewed collectively and informed briefly of the type of reports desired and the necessity for reporting such incidents immediately to Mr. MILLER.

5. On 8 December 1948, Mr. JOHN J. JERMAN, Mr. H. C. BRADLEY, Mr. C. T. RICH, and Mr. ROY W. COLLIVER, Aircraft Communicators, C.A.A., Municipal Airport, Las Vegas, New Mexico, were interviewed collectively and informed of the investigation being conducted relative to unusual aerial phenomena. None of these men had received previous reports of this nature. All of these men agreed to maintain this information on a discreet basis and to handle the information as being highly classified. Permission was granted to these four communicators to brief the two communicators absent at this time reference the information desired. The two men absent were identified as Mr. IRWIN L. SHRIGLE and Mr. ROBERT L. DISH. The four communicators interviewed stated that the only night flying at Municipal Airport, Las Vegas, was by the two commercial airlines located there; Pioneer Airlines and Continental Airlines. It was pointed out that a Mr. LLOYD DIBLE, Owner-Manager of a flying school located on Municipal Airport was not licensed to make night flights and was not authorized to permit his students to fly at night. It was further noted that Mr. WOODROW HOUSE, owner of a Piper Super Cruiser used for advertising purposes in the vicinity of Las Vegas, was not licensed to fly at night.

6. On 8 December 1948, Mr [redacted] Pioneer Airlines, Municipal Airport, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed reference reports on unusual aerial phenomenon. Mr. [redacted] interviewed in his home, 918 Fourth Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, and stated that with the exception of a rumor from one of his Pioneer pilots (Mr. [redacted]) he had heard of no unusual incidents regarding flares or lights in the sky in and around the Las Vegas area. Mr. [redacted] stated that he would stay on the alert in an attempt to gather any future information from pilots or crew members of Pioneer Airlines, but added that he did not feel like confiding in his two assistants, since they were very youthful and would undoubtedly disclose information, regarding this investigation. Mr. MAYSON stated that a Mr. [redacted] [redacted] whose address, 1001 Sixth Street, Las Vegas, Manager of Continental Airlines was presently out of town but was due to return on Friday, 10 December 1948. Mr [redacted] upon being requested to do so, stated he would discreetly brief Mr. [redacted] as to the nature of reports desired, and would impress Mr. [redacted] as to the confidential classification of this investigation. Mr. [redacted] concluded by stating that any information he obtained, and information obtained by Mr. [redacted], would be reported to Mr. MILLER of C.A.A. for subsequent transmittal to the proper investigative agency.

7. On 8 December 1948, Mr. WILLIAM BRAINARD, Ranger, Santa Fe National Forest Service, Federal Post Office Building, Las Vegas, New Mexico, was interviewed reference possible previous reports of unusual aerial phenomenon. Mr. BRAINARD stated that at no time in the past since his assignment to Las Vegas in February 1948 had he received any report or observed any incident regarding occurrences of this nature. Mr. BRAINARD said he would report any future incidents of this type to Mr. FLOCK in Santa Fe, for subsequent transmittal to the investigative agency concerned.

AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

This is a joint investigation conducted by Special Agents JOHN J. STAHL, Jr, and MELVIN E. NEEF.

At 1745 on 8 December 1948, Special Agents STAHL AND NEEF, both rated pilots, took off from Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in a T-7 type aircraft. At 1833 while flying at an indicated altitude of 11,500 feet, mean sea level, approximately 5,000 feet above terrain, a strange phenomenon was observed. The exact position of the aircraft at the time of the observation was 35° 31' North - 104° 51' West, approximately twenty (20) miles east of the Las Vegas, New Mexico, radio range station. At the time of the observation the aircraft was flying on a compass course of 80°, the indicated air-speed was one hundred sixty (160) miles per hour and the ground speed was approximately one hundred ninety miles per hour. Special Agent STAHL was flying as pilot and seated on the left side of the cockpit. Special Agent NEEF was flying as co-pilot and was seated on the right side of the cockpit. Special Agent NEEF first observed the phenomenon and a split second later Special Agent STAHL saw it. At an estimated altitude of 2,000 feet higher than the airplane or 13,500 feet above mean sealevel a brilliant green light was observed coming toward the airplane at a rapid rate of speed from approximately 30° to the left of course, from 60° ENE, to 240° WSW. The object was similar in appearance to a burning green flare of common use in the Air Forces. However, the light was much more intense and the object appeared to be considerably larger than a normal flare. No estimate can be made of the distance or the size of the object since no other object was visible upon which to base a comparison. The object was definitely larger and more brilliant than a shooting star, meteor or flare. The trajectory of the object when first sighted was almost flat and parallel to the earth. The phenomenon lasted approximately two (2) seconds at the end of which the object seemed to burn out. The trajectory then dropped off rapidly and a trail of glowing fragments reddish orange in color was observed falling toward the ground. The fragments were visible for less than a second before disappearing. The phenomenon was of such intensity as to be visible from the very moment it ignited and was observed a split second later. It was not possible for the phenomenon to have been visible for longer than a split second before observation.

Weather at flight altitude was as follows: Ceiling unlimited, visibility, a minimum of seventy-five (75) miles, the wind, 30 miles per hour from 310°. The moon, in the first half, was approximately half way to its zenith and south, or to the right of course. The 1830 weather observation at Las Vegas, New Mexico, was clear, 30 miles visibility, temperature 30°, dew point 17°, the wind from the NE at 8 miles per hour, the altimeter setting 30.06 inches of mercury. After the occurrence the aircraft remained in the same vicinity for approximately one and one-half hours but no further phenomena were observed.

On 9 December 1948, Special Agent STAHL accompanied by a crew chief took off from Kirtland Air Force Base at 1635 and flew to the area where the phenomenon had been observed the previous evening. A careful search of the terrain, both where the phenomenon was observed and in the direction from which it had appeared, was made. The terrain is barren and rough, and scarred by numerous dry washes and shallow canyons. Two or three widely separated buildings, apparently small ranch houses were noticed, in the area. It appears that the land may be used for limited cattle raising. There are no indications of cultivation. The aircraft remained in the vicinity for several hours after sunset but no further phenomenon was observed. The weather conditions at flight altitude were high scattered cirrus clouds above 25,000 feet and visibility in excess of 40 miles.

On 11 December 1948, Mr. JOSEPH H. TOULOUSE, A.E.C. Security Representative, Sandia Base, gave Special Agent NEEF the following statement:

Statement

At approximately 2235 the evening of 8 December 1948, I observed a definite greenish flare in the sky almost directly overhead at Sandia Base. At the time of the flare I was driving west on D Street and had made the stop sign at the Main Street. The flare appeared in the upper right hand corner of the windshield of the car slightly to the northwest.

The flare was approximately one-third the diameter of the moon and a slight arch ensued falling from east to west. The flaming tail appeared during this arch. The entire phenomenon lasted possibly two to three seconds after which it vanished.

Joseph H. Toulouse
A.E.C. Security
Sandia Base

INCLOSURES

FOR CO, KIRTLAND AFB:
Signed statement of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ dated at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 13 December 1948.

FOR OSI, HQ, WASHINGTON, D. C.:
Signed statement of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, dated at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 13 December 1948.

FOR DO #10, KELLY AFB:
Signed statement of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, dated at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 13 December 1948.

FOR HOLLOMAN AFB DET:
Signed statement of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, dated at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 13 December 1948.

FOR WALKER AFB DET:
Signed statement of Dr. LINCOLN LA PAZ, dated at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 13 December 1948.

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DISTRICT OFFICE #17, KIRTLAND AFB

AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Will interview Mrs. MADELINE G. MERCHANT, Box 283, reference reports made by her to Mr. BLOCK, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest, during the summer of 1947. Any recent activities concerning aerial phenomenon observed by Mrs. MERCHANT will be obtained.

AT LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

Will interview the Chief of the Security Section, Los Alamos Atomic Energy Commission installation reference reports made to that organization by Mrs. MADELINE MERCHANT in 1947 and possibly in 1948. Will further ascertain from the Chief of Security if any other reports of unusual aerial phenomenon have been reported to the Los Alamos Atomic Energy Commission installation.

AT WALKER AIR FORCE BASE

Will determine if that base has been engaged in any maneuvers involving the use of any aerial flares or similar devices.

AT HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE

Will determine if that base has been engaged in any maneuvers involving the use of any aerial flares or similar devices.

DISTRICT OFFICE #10, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Will interview Captain Meade, Major Carter and M/Sgt Dalton concerning the flares, meteors or phenomenon observed by them at Las Vegas and on the eastern slope of the Sandia Mountains, New Mexico, on 6 December 1948, while enroute from Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado, to Williams AFB, Chandler, Arizona.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Will determine whether or not Biggs AFB has been engaged in aerial maneuvers involving the use of aerial flares or similar devices.

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1 TO INVESTIGATIVE REPORT 24-8, 17th DISTRICT OSI.

Report on incident of 1948, December 12, 9h. 2m. ± 30s.; seen from Starvation Peak (Bernal), New Mexico. (Approximately 15 miles south and 9 miles west of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

The report of this incident should be prefaced with a statement of the fact that beginning on evening of December 9th, and as a direct result of the conference held on afternoon of December 9th with S/A Melvin E. Neef, the writer began systematic observations of the Geminid meteor shower, the only one of the recognized annual meteor showers active at this time. In spite of the quite unusual nature of the observation reported to me by S/A Neef (and of similar observations made known to me at the conference called by Col. Doyle Rees on December 11th), I felt certain that the observed phenomena somehow must be connected with the Geminid meteors which reach their maximum activity between December 10th and 12th, but are frequently seen in considerable numbers as early as December 3 - 4. However, visual observations made between the evening of December 9th and the morning of December 12th only served to confirm a statement made on December 9th to S/A Neef, viz., that the Geminids are *not* one of the showers producing numbers of extremely bright fireballs (cf also Fletcher Watson, *Between the Planets*, Harvard Books on Action Series, p. 136 (1941)), and that I did *not* recall ever having seen a green Geminid fireball although bluish and bluish white Geminids had occasionally been noted. This latter impression was checked *after* my observations of December 9 - 12 were completed by an analysis of the colors assigned to all meteors both Geminid and non-Geminid that I have observed during periods of Geminid activity since December 1, 1935. A total of 314 such meteors had color reported and *none* of these were tabulated as either green or greenish.

With the above preface, I proceed to an account of the incident of December 12. Shortly before 9 on the evening of this date a staff car driven by Lt. Allen Clark of Sandia Base left Las Vegas headed for Santa Fe. Clark had as passengers Major C. L. Phillips and the undersigned. Phillips was in the back seat and I was in the right front seat. Just before reaching Bernal, New Mexico, the car passed through a cut and came out on a down slope facing approximately westward. On emerging from this cut a clear view to the right toward the north and northwest was afforded. I was watching the sky as I had been since darkness fell and my attention was directed to an area about 15° west of Polaris when, by *indirect* vision I became aware of a very bright green ball (apparent angular diameter 5') to the right of the area in the center of my field of view, moving from east to west very low on the horizon. Jerking my eyes to the right and pointing with my right hand I shouted, "Look", four times. (The fact that I pointed and repeated the word *4* times has been checked by both of my companions and reenactment of my motions and speech, timed by an Elgin AF stopwatch within 5m after the moment of appearance of the green ball, furnished measures of the duration of this fireball, ranging from 2.1 second to 2.3 seconds.

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The path of the green ball was almost exactly horizontal (altitude estimated as only 3 or 4 degrees) until just a tenth of a second or so before it disappeared. During the last one or two tenths of a second of its visibility a slight but definite curvature downward developed in its path. From the very beginning the ball was very bright. Immediate comparison with Sirius (at a much greater altitude than the green fireball) indicates that during all but the last one or two tenths of a second of the fireball's visibility it was at least of apparent magnitude -4 (minus four). Just as curvature in its path developed the magnitude of the fireball rose slightly and it broke up into three or four smaller, but still bright green fragments which disappeared almost instantly.

Lt. Clark stopped the car the moment the fireball disappeared, spun it around and drove back into the cut; then turned and parked at the exact point where I first yelled "Look". Here the time as read immediately from a watch I had set at noon on December 12 with the master clock in the Santa Fe RR Station at Las Vegas, New Mexico, was 9h. 3m. as nearly as could be determined. Assuming that Clark's maneuvers with the car took between half a minute and a minute and a half the actual time of appearance was between 9h. 1m. 30s. and 9h. 2m. 30s. I believe the earlier of these times is the more probable.

At the point where Lt. Clark stopped, an arrow was scratched in the shoulder of the roadway directed toward the point where the green fireball disappeared and white rocks were used to border this arrow. While performing this operation and for many minutes thereafter we stood outside the car and listened for meteoritic detonations or rumblings, but absolutely nothing was heard. (There was no appreciable interference from traffic noise.)

At approximately 9:50 p.m., we reentered the staff car and drove first to Santa Fe (where we futily attempted to get in touch with night guards on duty at New Mexico State Prison in the hope of obtaining an additional line of sight to the point where the green ball had disappeared); and then to Los Alamos where I reported to Col. Carroll and other security officials what we had observed. Through their aid it was determined that what was unquestionably the same green ball seen by us had also been observed by at least two of the night guards at Los Alamos.

During the entire night of the 12th, Meteors of all magnitudes from the first to the fifth and of various colors (with white and yellow predominating and with no evidence of green) were occasionally seen emanating from the Geminid radiant. This radiant was well above the horizon even at the time of the Starvation Peak incident. Consequently, the apparent paths of the meteors from the radiant appeared as luminous arcs of great circles diverging from the radiant point and passing downward to intersect the horizon under angles always large and for the most part approaching 90°, in value. In the sharpest contrast, the path of the bright green fireball seen from near Starvation Peak was very nearly, if

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not exactly, parallel to the horizon. This green fireball certainly did not emanate from the Geminid radiant.

Subject to discovery that a new (non-Geminid) meteoric radiant emitting numerous very bright fireballs of a vivid green color (deeper and richer than the green of the beacon at the New Municipal Airport south of Santa Fe, New Mexico) has suddenly become active during the first half of December, I am now convinced the various "green flare" incidents reported to the O.S.I. are not meteoric in nature.

This is a written statement given by Dr. La Paz in his own words.

INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
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11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of FLYING SAUCERS in 11th OSI District.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: News item in Tulsa Daily World, 27 March 1950, reports eight witnesses sight Flying Saucers in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Little Rock, Arkansas Daily Gazette, 25 March 1950, reports in news item that [redacted], pilot of Chicago and Southern Airlines, sighted Saucer in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

2. DETAILS: The following news item appeared in the Tulsa Daily World on 27 March 1950:

"FLYING SAUCERS, SOME LIKE SEAGULLS
WITH DROOPED WINGS, REPORTED HERE

By Quinton Peters
Of The World Staff

"Flying saucers streaked through Tulsa skies at dawn Sunday, eight flabbergasted eyewitnesses reported.

"Witnesses - including a visiting woman evangelist, an oil property salesman, a bottling works employe, his wife and three children - agreed on these points:

"There was more than one of the objects, they appeared first in the northeast and proceeded in a southwesterly direction; they were luminous; they made no sound; they traveled at speeds

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varying from slow to 'lightning-like', and they appeared between 6 and 7 a.m.

"On other points, opinions varied.

"[redacted] a dealer in oil properties, reported he saw as many as 25 of the objects at exactly 6:16 a.m.

"I was on my front porch to get the Sunday World when I spotted two of them; at first I thought it was a pair of seagulls like I'd seen in California.

"Then, a bit later, three more appeared; then groups of two and three and finally groups of four or five; they were about 1,000 feet high.

"I timed it since I knew it would be questioned. I dashed in for my wife as a witness. She was slow and missed the sight. I ran back to the porch and saw them again.

"They were sort of silver-colored. They looked like they were throwing off a reflection of the sun which hadn't quite come up above the horizon.

[redacted], who admitted he had been a confirmed skeptic until Sunday about 'those fantastic flying saucer stories,' described the objects as being blunt nosed, sort of flat and rounded at the front with quite a long edge on the front side - like a seagull would fly with its wings drooped down."

"I knew it wasn't a gull, though, before they got even with me [redacted] They were shaped more like pie pans except for the drooping wings, he said.

"The observer estimated they were not more than two feet across but added his observation was hasty and subject to error 'much the same as some other people describe the moon as being the size of a washtub while others say it's as big as a silver dollar.'

"They were gone from sight within three minutes, he said. He added they vanished behind trees at a relatively low altitude. [redacted] estimated they had traveled about five miles while he watched.

"A different story came from Mrs. [redacted] evangelist from Lyons, Colo. and her Tulsa hosts, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and their three children. [redacted] is an employee for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. here.

"'I'd been keeping an eye out for flying saucers for some time,' Mrs. [redacted] admitted. 'But this is the first time I ever really saw them. And they were real.'

"Mrs. [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] reported they saw the objects for nearly an hour. They saw only two discs, however.

"One kept its distance slightly above the other. Each disc was 'like a saucer', they reported, with the lower one traveling on its edge, like a plate being rolled across a table.

"Mrs. [redacted] said they were sighted just as the sun was rising. They were luminous - 'with a soft, fluorescent glow, something like that of a morning star'.

"The evangelist said the objects would hang in the sky dead still for a moment, then dart at great speeds. The higher 'saucer' was about five times larger than the lower disc. No estimation of their size or altitude was made.

"Mrs. [redacted] said she had read everything she could find about flying saucers before she witnessed the objects Sunday morning and had vowed she would report them to the newspapers when she saw them 'even if it meant ridicule and suspicion.'

"The [redacted] backed up Mrs. [redacted] report. Mrs. [redacted] called a neighbor, Mrs. [redacted], but Mrs. Daniels was unable to spot the described objects.

"Both Mrs. [redacted] and [redacted] describing their experience by telephone wire recording over a Tulsa radio station Sunday.

"Federal weather observers at Municipal airport were unalarmed at reports of flying saucers. None were reported by observers there Sunday."

3. On the night of 25 March 1950 and the early morning of 26 March 1950, heavy winds prevailed, approximately 30 to 40 miles per hour, carrying large quantities of dust and sand. Between 0600 and 0700 hours a vicious thunder shower, lasting ten to fifteen minutes, occurred and was followed by a complete calm. Between 0730 and 0800 the winds

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arose again to between 30 and 40 miles per hour velocity, again dust laden. Low thick clouds moved across the area during the time of the thunder shower. The entire phenomena was observed by Special Agent HOMER E. GENTRY in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who DID NOT note the unconventional aircraft reported in the news item.

4. The following news item appeared in the Little Rock, Arkansas, Daily Gazette, on 25 March 1950:

> "AIRLINER PILOT REPORTS SIGHTING FLYING SAUCER IN AIR NEAR STUTTGART
>
> "A Chicago & Southern Airline pilot has reported sighting a flying saucer over Arkansas.
>
> "He is Capt. Adams, pilot on the Memphis-Houston flight, who said last night he sighted the object near Stuttgart. He reported that it was circular, that it was about the size of a DC-3 airliner and that it had conventional aircraft running lights.
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> "Adams said that he was flying about 2,000 feet and the object passed in front of him at 3,000 flying northward at tremendous speed."

5. ACTION: Headquarters Office of Special Investigations informed by Spot Intelligence Report.

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Major, USAF
District Commander

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(Unclassified) AERIAL PHENOMENA, Amarillo, Texas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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ATTN: Collection Control Branch

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Attached for your information is copy of OSI report of investigation concerning captioned subject, dated 9 June 1950.

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DAVID H. BORDEN, JR.
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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. [illegible]

DATE [illegible]

REPORT MADE BY [illegible]

REPORT MADE AT [illegible]

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN [illegible]

STATUS [illegible]

TITLE

Aerial Phenomena
Amarillo, Texas

CHARACTER [illegible]

REFERENCE [illegible]

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 17th District OSI to determine circumstances concerning an alleged aerial phenomena at Amarillo, Texas. Results of investigation set forth in ROI, DO # 22, dated 9 June 1950, File No: [illegible]. All investigative leads developed. Case is closed.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was requested by Lt. Colonel DOYLE REES, District Commander, 17th District Office of Special Investigations on 13 May 1950 to determine the circumstances concerning an alleged aerial phenomena at Amarillo, Texas, on 12 May 1950.

AT KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO

2. On 16 May 1950, a TWX was dispatched to District Office No. 11, Tinker AFB requesting that an investigation be conducted concerning an aerial phenomena at Amarillo, Texas, on 12 May 1950. The results of this request were set forth in a Report of Investigation from District Office No. 11, dated 6 June 1950. File No. [illegible].

3. Inasmuch as all logical leads have been developed, this case is considered closed.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-42 [illegible]

DATE 9 June 1950

REPORT MADE BY DALE W. DAWSON, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #11, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

TITLE
AERIAL PHENOMENA
Amarillo, Texas

PERIOD 13 May 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #17, Kirtland AFB, N. M.

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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE TWX DO #17, file OSI-5-15C, dated 17 May 1950

SYNOPSIS

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Investigation requested by District Commander, 17th OSI District (IG) USAF, to determine Aerial Phenomenon which allegedly landed at the Amarillo Airport on 12 May 1950. Statement obtained from [redacted], service man on duty at Tradewind Airport, Amarillo, Texas, describing object as approximately 6 to 8 feet in length, 1-1/2 to 3 feet tall. [redacted] states object landed at Tradewind Airport between 0100 and 0300 hours, 13 May 1950 and remained grounded for a period of three to five minutes; circular area approximately five feet in diameter burned off where object is stated to have landed. No unusual weather disturbances noted in area during period 12-13 May 1950. Object not reported by other witnesses.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by District Commander, 17th OSI District (IG) USAF, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, by teletype OSI-5-15C, concerning aerial phenomena which allegedly landed at Amarillo Airport, Amarillo, Texas on 12 May 1950.

AT AMARILLO, TEXAS

2. [redacted], night service man employed at Tradewind Airport, Amarillo, Randall County, Texas, accomplished the following signed statement describing the object alleged to have landed at the Tradewind Airport between 0100 and 0300 hours, 13 May 1950:

"STATEMENT

"STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF RANDALL)

18 May 1950

"I, [redacted], residing at [redacted] Amarillo, Potter County, Texas having been duly advised of my rights under the 5th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, (IG) USAF, do make the following statement. I make the following statement freely and voluntarily, without promise of reward or immunity.

"I, [redacted] was born 13 May 1930 at Wichita Falls, Texas. I was working at the "Tradewind" Airport, Randall County, Texas, where I am regularly employed as "service-man" on the night of 12 - 13 May 1950. Between approximately 0100 and 0300 hours, 13 May 1950 I was in the vicinity of the intersection of the North - South, and East - West runways of the Tradewinds Airport changing the water sprinklers on the runways. I first heard a rumbling sound, similar to a deisel switch-engine or jet engine, and glanced in the direction of the Santa Fe Railroad tracks, approximately 1/4 mile distant. Being unable to see any activity in the Santa Fe Railway Yards, I glanced aloft, and saw what appeared to be an exhaust flame approaching from the West-South-West. I watched the approach of the flame until it passed overhead, and judge it's altitude to have been approximately 500 to 700 feet. I was mainly interested in it because it did not have any navigation lights and until then supposed it to be a plane.

"After the object passed overhead I immediately returned to the main hangar, went inside and tried to awaken [redacted], a pilot employed by Tradewind Airport, who was sleeping in the hangar. Being unable to

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awaken [redacted] I then returned to the front of the hangar, and saw the object approaching from the South-East. At that time it appeared to be traveling at approximately 200 to 300 miles per hour. I again went inside to try and awaken [redacted] and being unable to do so, returned to the front of the hangar. By that time the object had swerved to the right and was headed in the direction of English Field, North-East. Approximately five minutes later I was going from the office, in the front of the hangar into the main hangar itself, and saw this brilliant light approaching from the West-North-West. I switched on the flood-lights in the front of the hangar, and saw the object come to rest approximately three hundred feet in front of the hangar, on a grassy area. The approach of the object was accompanied by a slight swishing sound. By the time the object had landed, I had the flood lights on, and stepped outside the hangar to get a better view of the object. It appeared to be flat on the bottom, but otherwise eliptical in shape, with a sharp cut off section toward the rear. The rear of the object was sharply cut away. It had a bubble setting forward on the top of the object, which appeared to be about the size of a football helmet. Toward the rear of the object was what appeared to be a pipe or tube protruding from the body of the craft, approximately one foot high. The object seemed to be sitting on the ground, and small exhaust flames were coming from the rear of the craft. While it sat on the ground, it seemed to be idling.

"I again went inside the hangar to try and waken [redacted], but being unable to do so, returned to the front of the hangar. The object remained on the ground for a period of three to five minutes, and after returning to the front of the hangar, I noticed the grass beneath object beginning to smolder and burn. While watching the object, it suddenly raised approximately four feet in a vertical direction. Before the object raised, a whining sound was heard, accompanied by white flames, approximately three feet in length, shooting from the rear. After reaching a level of four feet it then took off in a South-easterly direction, with a terrific roar. The take-off was gradual, and it started off in a shallow climb until reaching the far side of the field, when it started a steep climb. It then leveled off, and seemed to turn, but without the bank of a conventional aircraft. It appeared to remain on an even keel while making the turn, and then proceeded to gain speed and momentum; headed in a Westerly direction, and with a sudden burst of speed was soon lost to sight.

"I would estimate the size of the object to be approximately six (6) to eight (8) feet in length; from one and one-half (1-1/2) to three (3) feet tall at the highest point.

"After taking off I noticed the grass where the object had been sitting was still burning. I took a fire extinguisher from the hangar, and used almost all of the contents in putting out the fire.

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"Between the second approach, and the landing of the object, (when it was travelling in the direction of English Field), I called the CAA weather or tower at English Field, and asked them if they had seen the object. They replied that they could see nothing because of the darkness.

"Because of the unusualness of the incident, and the noise accompanying it, I was very much excited, and somewhat frightened. However, I believe the foregoing statement to be true, to the best of my knowledge.

"I have read this statement, consisting of four (4) pages, and have initialed all preceeding pages. I sign this statement freely, and voluntarily as witness my signature subscribed to in the presence of the attesting witnesses thereto:

/s/ [redacted]

WITNESSES:

[redacted]

/s/ [redacted]"

3. Mr. [redacted] Amarillo Globe News, Amarillo, Texas, was interviewed 15 May 1950 and stated that the object reported by [redacted] to have landed at the Tradewind Airport, Amarillo, Texas, was not reported by other residents of Amarillo, Texas.

4. Official weather as reported by the U. S. Weather Bureau, English Field, Amarillo, Texas, during the period 2330 12 May 1950 through 0430 13 May 1950 is as follows:

2330 - Cloudy, temperature 57°; wind S.E. at 4 miles per hour; thunderstorm SE and SW;
0130 - Cloudy; wind west-northwest 4 miles per hour; thunderstorm south;
0330 - Cloudy; temperature 55°; winds north and northeast at 6 miles per hour; thunderstorms southeast;
0330 - partly cloudy; temperature 53°; wind East-Southeast at 2 miles per hour;
0430 - Cloudy, occasional rain; winds East at 4 miles per hour.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of FLYING SAUCERS, 11th OSI District

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: News item in the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 25 June 1950, reports a Central Airlines pilot and a passenger observed a "saucer-shaped" object in the sky near Commerce, Texas.

2. DETAILS: The following news item appeared in the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 25 June 1950:

'SAUCER' REPORTED BY AIRLINES PILOT

> Holdenville, June 24 - (UP) - Central Airlines here reported Saturday that one of its pilots followed "a saucer-shaped object" for 20 miles in the sky near Commerce Texas.
>
> The airline said its Fort Worth office reported by teletype that both flight Capt. Harry Logsdon and a passenger identified as W. Crowder, Texarkana, Texas, said they saw the object.
>
> Logsdon, a veteran commercial pilot, was quoted as saying he kept the object in sight for about 20 miles before it pulled away from his airliner in a sudden burst of speed.
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> He estimated the object's speed "in excess of 400 miles an hour," the airline said."

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3. ACTION: Headquarters OSI informed by Spot Intelligence Report.

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TITLE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FOUND ON FARM OF [redacted] [redacted]MITY, ARKANSAS	PERIOD 20 September 1950 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #11, Tinker AFB, Okla STATUS PENDING
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY	
REFERENCE None - This is initial report	

SYNOPSIS

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Investigation initiated by District Commander DO #11. Article
in Arkansas-Gazette Newspaper, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 19
September 1950, indicated an "unidentifiable object" found by
[redacted]l, Amity, Arkansas. Object given
to L. P. [illegible]RASWELL, Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Arkansas. In-
vestigation revealed object approximately eight inches in diameter
at top, sloping to a needle-like point at the bottom. Approxi-
mately 300 feet of wire attached to object which was imbedded two
feet in the ground. Timber expert [redacted] examined
broken limbs above point of impact and placed time of fall as [illegible]
March or April 1950.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by District Commander DO #11 upon information received from articles appearing in the Arkansas-Gazette Newspaper, Little Rock, Arkansas, to the effect that an unidentified object had been found on the farm of [redacted] Amity, Arkansas. The discovery of this object by [redacted]as given widespread publicity in the Arkansas newspapers.

AT ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS

2. On 20 September 1950, F. E. MURPHY, Patrolman, Arkansas State Highway Police; [redacted], commercial photographer, [redacted] Street; [redacted] reporter, Daily Siftings and Herald News; M. E. [redacted] reporter, Southern Standard Publishing Company and [redacted] Timber Expert, all of Arkadelphia, Arkansas were interviewed and described this unidenifiable object as follows:

Shaped like a child's top with a spool-like appendage on the top side, approximately eight inches in diameter, sloping to a needle-like point at the bottom, composed of soft metal and with a core of unidentifiable hard and bright metal. The estimated 300 feet of wire attached to the object entered through a hole in the spool-like appendage on the top side. Wire composed of sixteen strands, twisted into a semblance of a rope, encased in a non corrosive metal wrapping. The entire wire, with covering about the size of that type wire used in electric wiring systems of private homes; estimated weight fifty to seventy-five pounds.

3. EPPERSON expressed the opinion that the object fell during the month of March or April. He based this estimate on the fact that the oak limb which was apparently broken by the object, was in an arrested stage of budding and bore some partially grown leaves.

AT AMITY, ARKANSAS

4. [redacted] Amity, Arkansas, was interviewed on 20 September 1950 and stated substantially as follows:

He at first located the wire leading from a partially filled hole in the wooded section of the pasture on the 15 September 1950. At this time he was busy tending to some sick cattle so he didn't investigate further. On 18 September 1950 [redacted]R decided to determine the identity of the wire. [redacted] was able to pull approximately fifty feet out of the hole before he met with any resistance. The remaining two hundred fifty feet of wire was pulled down from the surrounding trees from a direction north and northeast of the buried object. [redacted] then took a shovel and dug approximately twenty-four inches at which time he struck something

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hard. He decided that this object might be explosive so he reported it to Patrolman MURPHY in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The next day, 19 September 1950 MURPHY returned with [redacted] and [redacted] and completed digging up the object. Later on the same date, [redacted], ordnance expert, Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Arkansas, arrived and after failing to identify the object, took it and the wire to the Red River Arsenal. Following is an estimate of the description and dimensions of the object obtained from the aforementioned persons interviewed:

ESTIMATE OF DIMENSIONS

"Spool-like appendage" on top of object	2" diameter, with knurled top. All of hard metal.
Bulk of object at largest point	8" diameter
Aperture in bottom of object	1-1/2" diameter, with hard, bright metal core protruding approx one eighth inch.
Substance	Bulk of object made of soft metal, dark greyish in color with core of a hard, bright, silver or chrome colored metal.
Core	2" diameter at top tapering to 1-1/2" at bottom.
Overall length	8 inches.
Trailing wire	16 strands very fine, hard metal wire woven like common rope, encased in non corrosive, dull grey, spring metal winding.
Weight of object, less wire	50 to 75 pounds.

AGENT'S NOTE: The above estimated dimensions of the object represent the average of all the estimates obtained during the course of this investigation.

5. Three (3) photographs taken at the scene of the discovery are being retained in file DO #11.

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FOR DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 9, BARKSDALE AFB, LOUISIANA

AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

Will interview L. P. BRASWELL, Red [redacted]senal, Texarkana, Arkansas, for the purpose of identifying the object found on the farm of [redacted] Amity, Arkansas.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-64	DATE 5 October 1950
REPORT MADE BY DAVID P. [illegible], SA	
REPORT MADE AT DO #9, Barksdale AFB	
PERIOD 3 & 4 October 1950	
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TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FOUND ON
FARM OF [redacted]
[redacted]ITY, ARKANSAS

CHARACTER

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REFERENCE

ROI, DO #11, File 24-55, dated 26 September 1950.

SYNOPSIS

Object identified as part of Control Line between aircraft during air refueling operations.

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DETAILS:

AT AMITY, ARKANSAS

1. The Writer viewed the object found on the farm of [redacted]. The object is presently in the custody of [redacted], Civilian Chief, Inspection, Security and Surveillance Division, Red River Arsenal. It was noted that the weight as previously described, has as a part number, 30101020. A short piece of the cable was obtained for analysis.

AT BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA

2. W.H. CLEMM, Aircraft Inspector, stated that part #30101020, is a Sinker - B-29 Tanker, and that it is used in air refueling operations. The cable is part of the Cable Assembly, Tanker Control Line, MS-29663-3.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-55 cp

DATE 10 October 1950

REPORT MADE BY DONALD B. WHITE, S/A

TITLE

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FOUND ON
FARM OF [redacted]
[redacted] Amity, Arkansas

REPORT MADE AT DO #11, Tinker AFB, Okla.

PERIOD 10 October 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #11, Tinker AFB, Okla.

STATUS CLOSED

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Rpt of S/A DAVID H. BLAKELY, DO #9, file 24-64, dated 5 October 1950

SYNOPSIS

This case is considered closed with the completion of investigation and submission of RUC report of DO #9.

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DETAILS:

1. This case is considered closed with the completion of investigation and submission of RUC report by DO #9. Object identified as device used by B-29 tanker in flight refueling.

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11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

File No: 11D 24-0 7 May 1952

SUBJECT: Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to attached Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, District Office No. 11, File 24-0, dated 7 May 1952.

2. For purposes of this report, only, the observer is identified as WALTER R. PRUETT, OCAMA Badge No. 82972, Spin Pit Operator, Engine Repair Section, Maintenance Engineering, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

John G. McLendon
JOHN G. McLENDON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

File No: 11D 24-0 7 May 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Air Force civilian employee sighted object described as dinner plate size, apparently traveling northwest at estimated altitude 15000 feet over Tinker AF Base, Oklahoma during period 14 through 18 April 1952, at approximately 1430 hours.

2. DETAILS: Tinker Air Force Base civilian employee described object as round, approximately the size of a dinner plate as viewed from ground, and apparently blue-green in color. There was no exhaust trail or sound, no maneuvers, but a rapid disappearance in a northwesterly direction from Tinker Air Force Base.

a. Time sighted was approximately 1430 hours, and length of time sighted was very few moments.

b. Object sighted visually from auto while driving west on State Highway No. 3, en route from Shawnee to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

c. Observer stated object at approximate altitude of 15000 feet, gaining altitude at terrific speed. Witness advised of limited experience in identifying aircraft in World War II.

d. Weather clear, no other aircraft sighted in vicinity,

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e. 33d Air Division (Defense) advised no meteorological disturbances during period in question.

f. No physical evidence, or other witnesses with one exception, a passenger in observer's automobile who furnished same information to Inspector General, OCAMA, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. This person absent on date information furnished.

3. ACTION: Commanding General, OCAMA, apprised through his Inspector General; Air Provost Marshal, 33d Air Division (Defense); Tinker Air Force Base, consulted; and by information copy of this report, Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, advised. No further action by this district.

John C. McLendon
JOHN C. McLENDON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: in dup to
CG, AMC
ATTN: MCIS

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

8 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Ball of Fire Streaks Over Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified ball of fire streaks over Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at approximately 2045 hours, 7 July 1952 variously reported by observers as, Jet Aircraft, "Flying Saucers," shooting star or comet.

2. DETAILS: The Daily Oklahoman, (morning newspaper), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, carried the following news item on page three (3) of its Tuesday, July 8, 1952 edition:

> "BALL OF FIRE STREAKS OVER CITY -- A bluish ball of flame that streaked across the sky and disappeared in the east was reported by a number of local observers Monday night.
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> "A fireball of similar description was reported by residents of Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington and Nevada.
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> "Appearance of the object set off a flurry of phone calls from people wanting an explanation. But, no one in Oklahoma City seemed to have one.
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> "Bert Purnell, watchman at the city waterworks, speculated the ball of fire was a comet. Another man figured it was a shooting star. Flying saucers or jet planes was another's guess.
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> "Purnell said he saw the fireball from the water works and described it as 'the most beautiful thing I ever saw in my life.'
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> "He gave this account: 'There was a ball of fire in front that appeared to be about five feet in diameter. Behind it, some 15 or 20 feet was a ring of solid white substance. Then there was a tail that trailed along behind for 75 or 100 feet, gradually tapering off into nothing.'

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"Purnell said the object appeared to come over at about NW 10 and May, passed directly over the First National bank building, suddenly turned into three balls of fire, and disappeared.

"A Texan, who was quick to explain, 'I haven't been drinking and don't put any stock in flying saucers,' gave a similar description. Both men said the object travelled from west to east.

"Mrs. Landis May, 7000 NW 23, said she observed a 'real pretty aqua-colored light moving across the sky' at about 8:50 p.m. She said the object was moving eastward and went behind a cloud just above the horizon. Another woman said it was going south.

"A motorist driving east on SE 59 said the ball of fire also disappeared behind a cloud in the southeast. He said it 'blinked ~~and~~ got real bright' before disappearing.

"A spokesman at Tinker field's base operation headquarters said he'd had a lot of reports, but couldn't figure out what the object was. Neither could Prof. D. E. Meador, local astronomer and Oklahoma City University instructor.

"I don't have any idea what it was,' replied the professor.

"The weather bureau wouldn't even attempt a guess.

"According to most reports the 'ball' streaked through the sky at about 8:45 p.m., and left a long trail of vapor or smoke.

"In Utah, R. N. Thomas, astronomy professor at the University of Utah, observed, 'If it was a meteor it must have been awfully big.'

"An airlines pilot over Pendleton, Ore., said he saw the fire ball plunging to earth southeast of him. By the time he could point it out to his co-pilot, he said, only the vapor trail was visible.

"To a chemist in Pocatello, Idaho, it seemed like a Fourth of July rocket that burst into sparkles. He said 'it was a long streak of flame, blue-white in front, red toward the middle and orange toward the back.'

"An Idaho state policeman said it appeared to explode in the mountains north of Mountain Home, in southwestern Idaho. Odgen, Utah, residents said it seemed to explode south of that city."

[illegible]

Radio Station WKY, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on its 0800, 3 July 1952, newscast reported the above incident, based on above newspaper article.

3. ACTION: Intelligence Officer and Air Provost Marshal's Office, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, notified on 3 July 1952. No further action contemplated by this office unless advised to the contrary.

JOHN C. McLENDON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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24-125-11-10

(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object at Little Rock, Arkansas
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Topical Intelligence Div, Deputy Director for Estimates,
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O
ATTN: Major Fournet

18 OCT 1952

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Counter Intelligence Div, Dir of
Special Investigations, IG

Capt Brown/es/AFOSI-6
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1. Inclosed herewith for your information are two (2) photostat copies of a Spot Intelligence Report concerning the above subject, dated 3 October 1952.

2. The files of this Directorate contain no further information pertaining to this matter. Any further data received will be furnished your office.

LUCIUS L. FEES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Branch

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

File No: 11D 24-0

3 OCT 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object at Little Rock, Arkansas

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [redacted], Little Rock, Arkansas, advised that at approximately 1000 hours on 15 September 1957, she took a photograph of an unidentified flying object which appeared in the sky, south of her home, at the address listed.

2. DETAILS: Mrs. [redacted], residence as shown, who is employed by the U. S. Time Corporation, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas, reported to the 11th District Office of Special Investigations Detachment Commander, Little Rock, Arkansas, on [illegible] September 1957, that she was stepping from her front door, facing south, at the approximate hour and date mentioned, in preparation to take photographs of her dog when she observed an object in the sky. She had in her possession a No. 616 box-type camera and took a photograph of an object which was estimated to be at a distance of approximately four blocks, about the size of [illegible], and about three stories from the ground.

Mrs. [redacted] described the object as being bright silver and dark in the middle and appeared to be spinning in one direction, then appeared to reverse itself and fade away, and the length of this observation was somewhat less than one minute. [redacted] related that the day was clear with little or no wind and the only object between her and the flying article was a small wooded area which is shown in the inclosed photograph.

The original photograph has been reproduced at this District and are the inclosures, the original having been returned to Mrs. [redacted] per her request.

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The evaluation of this report has been placed at F-4, since it is impossible to properly evaluate the information from the attached photograph and without further interview of Mrs. [redacted].

3. ACTION: Copies of this report and inclosures have been furnished Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

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Photo of Unidentified
Flying Object

JOHN C. McL[illegible]
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC (2)

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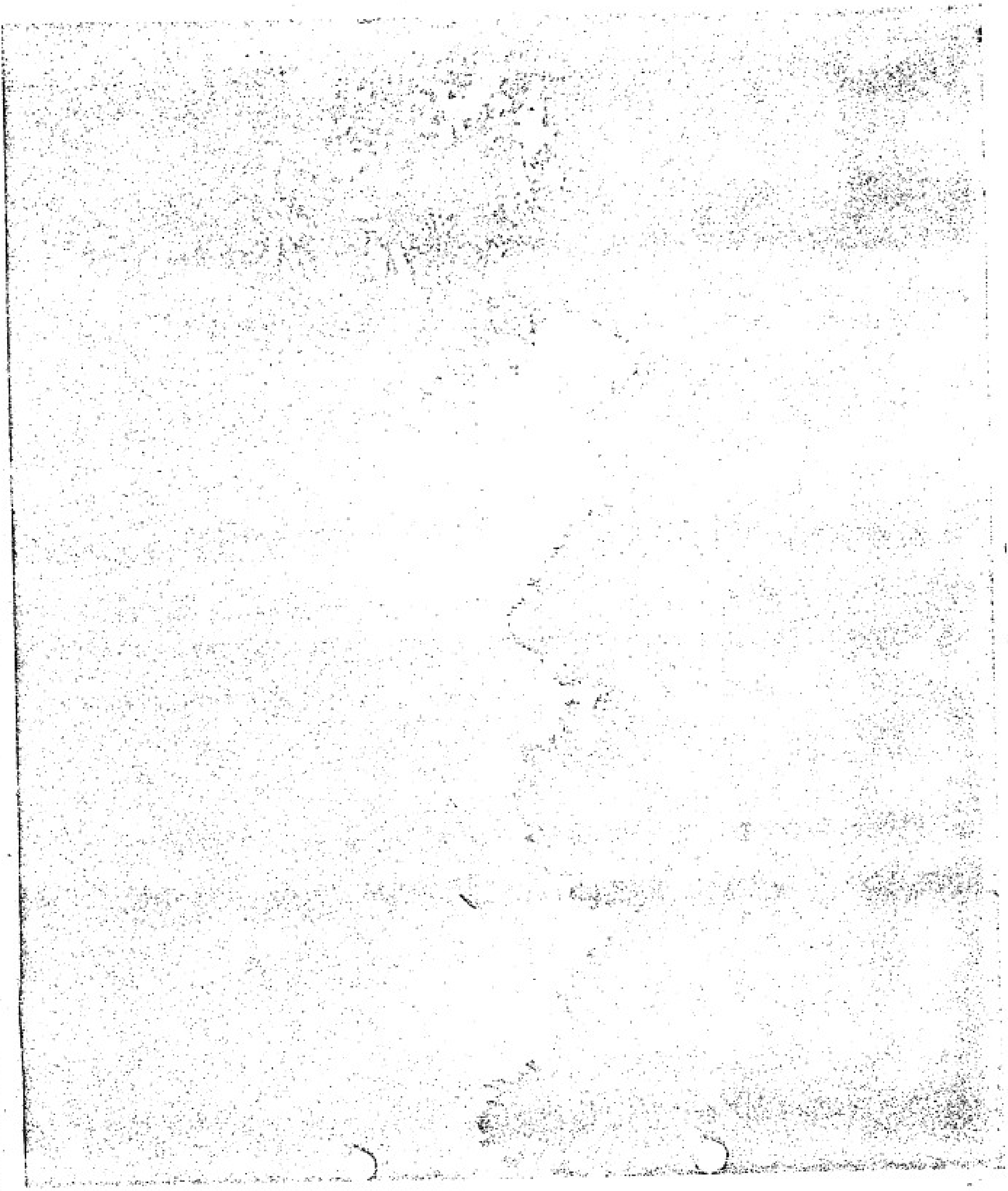

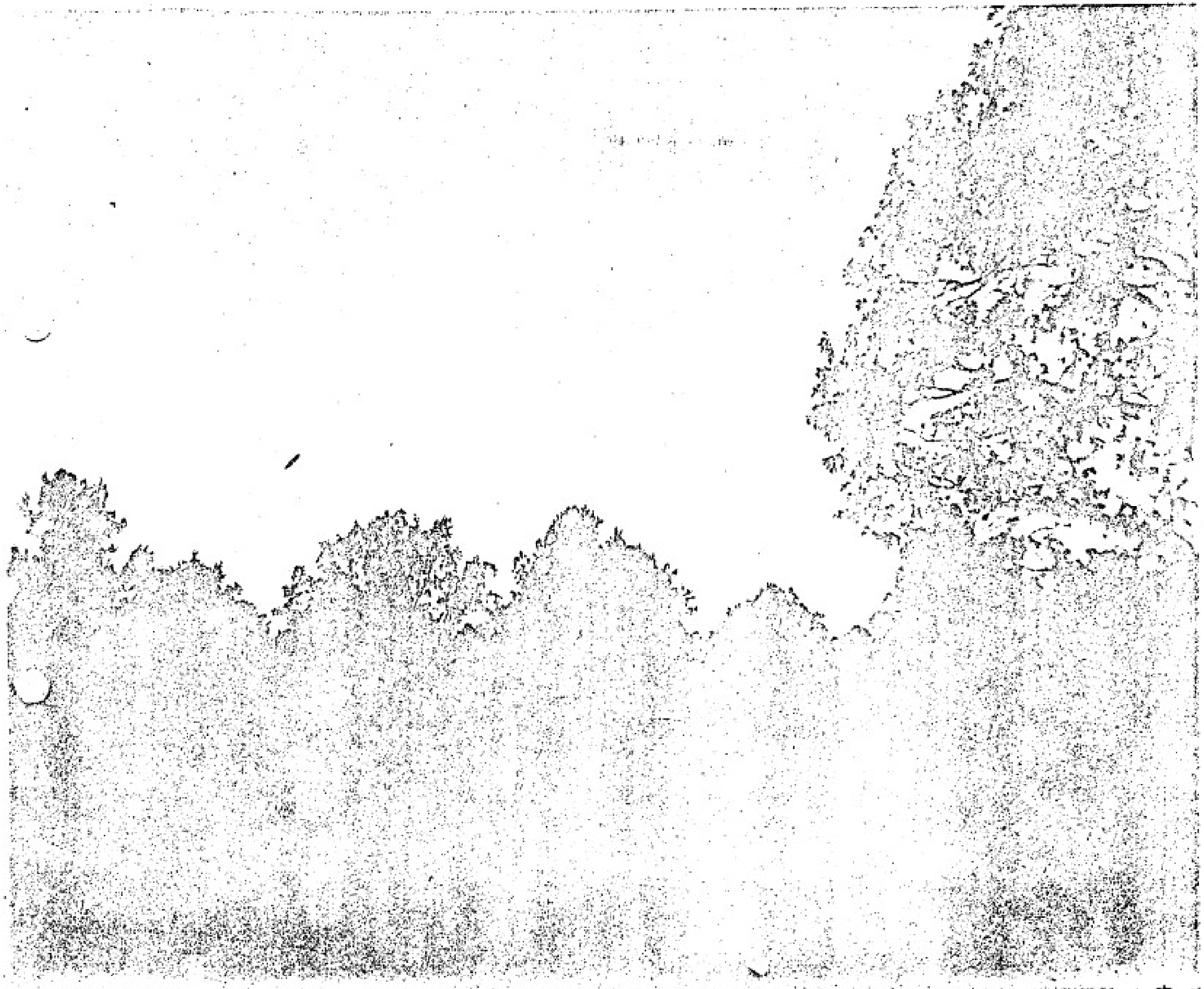

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: AFCSI-CA 24-185-11X

28 SEP 1960

SUBJECT: Spot Report From District Office 11 on Unidentified Flying Object, 28 September 1960

TO: AFCSI-1 [illegible]

1. At 1545 hours, 28 September 1960, the Directorate received a telephonic spot report from Special Agent Henry L. Caylord, OSI District Office 11, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, which is quoted below:

> Crash reported to Sheppard Air Force Base, Witchita Falls, Texas, 0425 hours, 28 September 1960 at a point five to eight miles west of Witchita Falls and witnessed by several civilian police. Sheppard Air Force Base Air Police investigation at scene resulted in recovery of charred debris including shreds of parachute. Command notification has been made to ATIC for a team to come to the scene, based upon personal evaluation of the Assistant Provost Marshal, Sheppard Air Force Base, who has had experience with "Moon Dust." Local news media giving coverage. No request for OSI service. Sheppard Air Force Base Provost Marshal has custody of debris and Air Police are continuing search of scene. Letter report follows with further details as developed.

2. The Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, was telephonically advised of the above information upon receipt.

3. addendum: "Moon Dust" is unclassified nickname for recovery of reported material from space i.e. "sputniks."

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Gilbert R. Levy
GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

AFCSI-6D
Capt F F Drohan [illegible]

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Mr R F Eldridge
[illegible] 28/9/60

Col Glenn Clark
SAFOI given
above info on
28 [illegible]

I relayed info. 1555
to Col. [illegible] - Gen.
[illegible] has [illegible].
Mr. Levy will advise him
by phone at home. AFCIN
is responsible to advise
SAFOI, per Mr. Levy.
[illegible]

Crash reported to Sheppard by Maj. E. J. Jairenz, 2215 [illegible] Wing. WetCo, Sheppard [illegible] released it to Don Tucker. WetCo is Thomas W. [illegible], Jr.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
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31 DEC 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unconventional Flying Objects Sighted; and Portions Recovered by [redacted], Friona, Texas

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, DO #11 file 24-0, Subject as above, dated 13 November 1952.

2. For your information, herewith copy of FBI Report of Investigation concerning the described incident.

3. Copies of this inclosure have been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

JOHN C. [illegible]
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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~~FBI Report of Investigation~~
~~dtd 18 Dec 52 at Dallas (dup)~~

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as follows.

"Dear Sir,

In the Globe news there is an interesting Flying Saucer story in which you are mentioned. I am old and retired but have studies Metiors and so Called Flying Saucers while at College and since college some 50 years ago, an Italian Magnician who got rich withe showing tricks of diferent shaped Glasses, recently showed me his Saucer show and how he did it he is old and got rich with his magic Glasses, I have since tried out his theories with Comon Window Glasses Yoy would not believe the results, But to Get Back to Flying Saucers that Are Real, Recently I was Camped on a Mountain in New Mexico, and Saw a dim light at first circlsing around up high it circled in a Miles across Circle But kept decending,. It first the light was white but as it got lower it turned Green and Exploded showering lighte objects in all directions. Several of these firy objects landed close to me, most of them were bueried, In the Ground, but I gathered up three that were only partly bueried, and brought them home with me. I notified The Pentagon in Washington what I had saw fall.

I heard nothing from them, But a Russian Scientisc From The U.S.S.R. Embassy did come and buy one half of one of those objects, it was so hard we had to use a Sledge Hamer to break it in two.

In the Center was a round Hole or Vacuum, filled with fine powder this Scientist Scraped every bit of the Dust up and put it in a Box. He claims its object was Uranium and other unknown Minerals.

I am just telling you what he said Because I dont Claim to know All I know is what I saw and got.

I think all this flying saucer is 99% illusion,

Respectfully Yoyrs

[redacted]

AT FRIONA, TEXAS:

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], Friona, Texas, were interviewed and Mr. [redacted] advised that he was a retired farmer. He stated that he had always been interested in meteors ever since he took a correspondence course concerning meteors some 50 years ago.

[redacted] stated that in the spring of 1952 he was traveling in the eastern part of San Miguel County, New Mexico, with his wife when he found a large deposit of a metal unknown to him. He stated that he picked up a piece of this metal and brought it back to Friona, Texas, with him. Mrs. [redacted] verified this statement inasmuch as she stated that she was with him at the time he picked up the metal.

[redacted] was questioned concerning his statement in the above letter that he saw the material fall but stated that he did not remember writing any such information in the letter and emphatically stated that he did not see the material fall to the earth.

[redacted] stated that after he found this material and returned to Friona, Texas, he wrote letters to Senator LYNDON B. JOHNSON of Texas and Senator CLINTON ANDERSON of New Mexico concerning the material. He stated that both senators replied requesting that he ship samples of this material to a Government Laboratory in Tucson, Arizona. [redacted] stated that he sent samples of this material to the Government Laboratory in Tucson, Arizona, and stated that they replied advising him that the material was part of a meteor. [redacted] was asked if he were still in possession of all [illegible] correspondence but stated that he had destroyed it all.

[redacted] advised that shortly after he wrote to the two senators about this material he was visited by an unknown individual who, according to [redacted], displayed the credentials of the Soviet Embassy. [redacted] was asked to describe the credentials of this person and stated that they were very similar to the credentials of the writer but that the writing was in Russian. [illegible] was then asked if he could read the writer's credentials, and he stated that he could not read very well but he felt sure that they were in English. [redacted] could not place the time of this visit and could furnish no other information concerning this alleged individual with the exception of the fact that he stated that he thought this individual came from the Russian Consulate in Amarillo, Texas.

[redacted] stated that he was no longer in possession of any of the unknown material inasmuch as he had recently given the remainder of the material to his wife's nephew, Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Lawrenceville, Illinois.

It was also pointed out that in the letter set out above [redacted] advised that he sold half of the material to the representative of the Russian Embassy. At the time of the interview he emphatically denied selling any of the material to the representative of the Russian Embassy and stated that he could not remember having made such a statement in the letter to the individual in Amarillo, Texas.

Deputy Sheriff C. M. JONES, Friona, advised that he has known the subject for many years and advised that the subject is an elderly man approximately 71 years of age. JONES advised that the subject has nothing whatsoever to do and is somewhat of a dreamer. [redacted] explained that [redacted] dreams of various things and then thinks about them to the extent that he actually believes what he dreamed. [redacted] stated that the subject will then come to the downtown section of the little town of Friona and attempt to convince the people that his dreams are actually the truth. JONES stated that the people of Friona, Texas, very seldom believe or put any faith in any matters discussed by the subject due to his mental condition.

JONES stated that the subject is entirely loyal to the United States but has merely reached that age in life where his mind has begun to deteriorate.

The following physical description of the subject was secured by observation.

Age	About 71 (subject declined to give his age)
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	210 lbs.
Hair	White
Eyes	Blue
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Fair
Scars and marks	None
Occupation	Retired farmer
Wife	Mrs. [redacted] Friona, Texas

In view of the above information and upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge, this case is being closed.

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Wrtn 25 Nov 52

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Topical Intelligence Division, Deputy Director for
Estimates, Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

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Capt Brown/fjc/AFCSI-6

Counter Intelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of a Spot Intelligence Report by the 11th District Office of Special Investigations, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, relative to the alleged sighting by one [redacted] of a "flying saucer", and the procurement of fragments thereof by him.

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Lt. Colonel, USAF
Chief, Sabotage & Espionage Branch

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

11D 24-0

13 NOV 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Flying Objects Sighted; and portions recovered by [redacted] Friona, Texas

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF [illegible]
KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Special Agent in Charge, Dallas, Texas Field Division, FBI, advised this district that [redacted] Friona, Texas, had reported seeing flying saucers at an unnamed point in New Mexico; had recovered three fragments which landed close to him; and had notified the Pentagon but hearing nothing had sold a portion of one object to a Russian Scientist from the USSR Embassy.

2. DETAILS:

a. FBI received information to the effect that [redacted] had written a letter to an unnamed friend in Amarillo, Texas, and it read in part as follows:

b. "But to get back to flying saucers that are real, recently I was camped on a mountain in New Mexico and saw a dim light at first circling around up high. It circled in a mile across circle but kept decending. First the light was white but as it got lower it turned green and exploded showering light objects in all directions. Several of those fiery objects landed close to me, most of them were buried in the ground, but I gathered up three that were only partly buried and brought them home with me.

c. "I notified the Pentagon in Washington what I had saw fall. I heard nothing from them but a Russian scientist from the U. S. S. R. Embassy did come and buy one half of one of those objects. It was so hard we had to use a sledge hammer to break it into. In the center was a round hole or vacuum filled with fine powder. This scientist scraped every bit of the dust up and put it in a bottle. He claims the object was uranium and other unknown minerals."

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d. Referenced information from the Bureau indicated that the person receiving the letter had reasoned that [redacted] was a town "character" and according to people in Friona, [redacted]as characterized as a [redacted]d one who made up fantastic stories, repeating them so often, he eventually believed them.

e. FBI advised that the results of their investigation would be furnished this district.

3. ACTION: Commanding General, AMC (MCIS) notified by copy of this report; and like dissemination will be made of the FBI report.

J. C. McLendon
JOHN C. McLENDON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC (MCIS)
(dup)

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

11D 24-0

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object at
Muskogee, Oklahoma

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BY [illegible], Capt, USAF
[illegible] 4 DEC 1975
DATE

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. [redacted] Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that at approximately 1400 hours, sometime during the summer of 1953, he took a photograph of an unidentified flying object which appeared in the sky on the eastern outskirts of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

2. DETAILS: Mr. [redacted] residence as shown, who is employed by the Post Office Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, reported to the 11th District Office of Special Investigations Detachment Commander, Tulsa, Oklahoma, that he had been to lunch and was walking near the restaurant (name unknown) in Muskogee, Oklahoma, when he saw an object glinting in the sun. He had in his possession a Super Ikonta type camera and took a picture of the object, which was estimated to be traveling at a speed of 300 to 500 miles per hour and was at an altitude of approximately 6000 to 7000 feet. Mr. [redacted] described the object as being approximately 75 to 80 feet in diameter, traveling on a horizontal plane, noiseless, and traveling in a southern direction. [redacted] advised that he had been reluctant to report this incident for fear of becoming involved.

Mr. [redacted] described the day as being bright and sunny, with a few white clouds in the sky. He had a shutter speed of 1/500 of a second and an F stop of 2.8 on the camera. Mr. [redacted] further advised that the object was only in his view for a few seconds.

The original negative furnished by the informant has been reproduced at this District and is the inclosure, the original having been returned to Mr. [redacted] per his request. [redacted] did state that the negative had been secured from Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York.

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3. ACTION: Copies of this report and inclosure have been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

Arthur G Phillips Jr
ARTHUR G. PHILLIPS, JR
Major, USAF
District Commander

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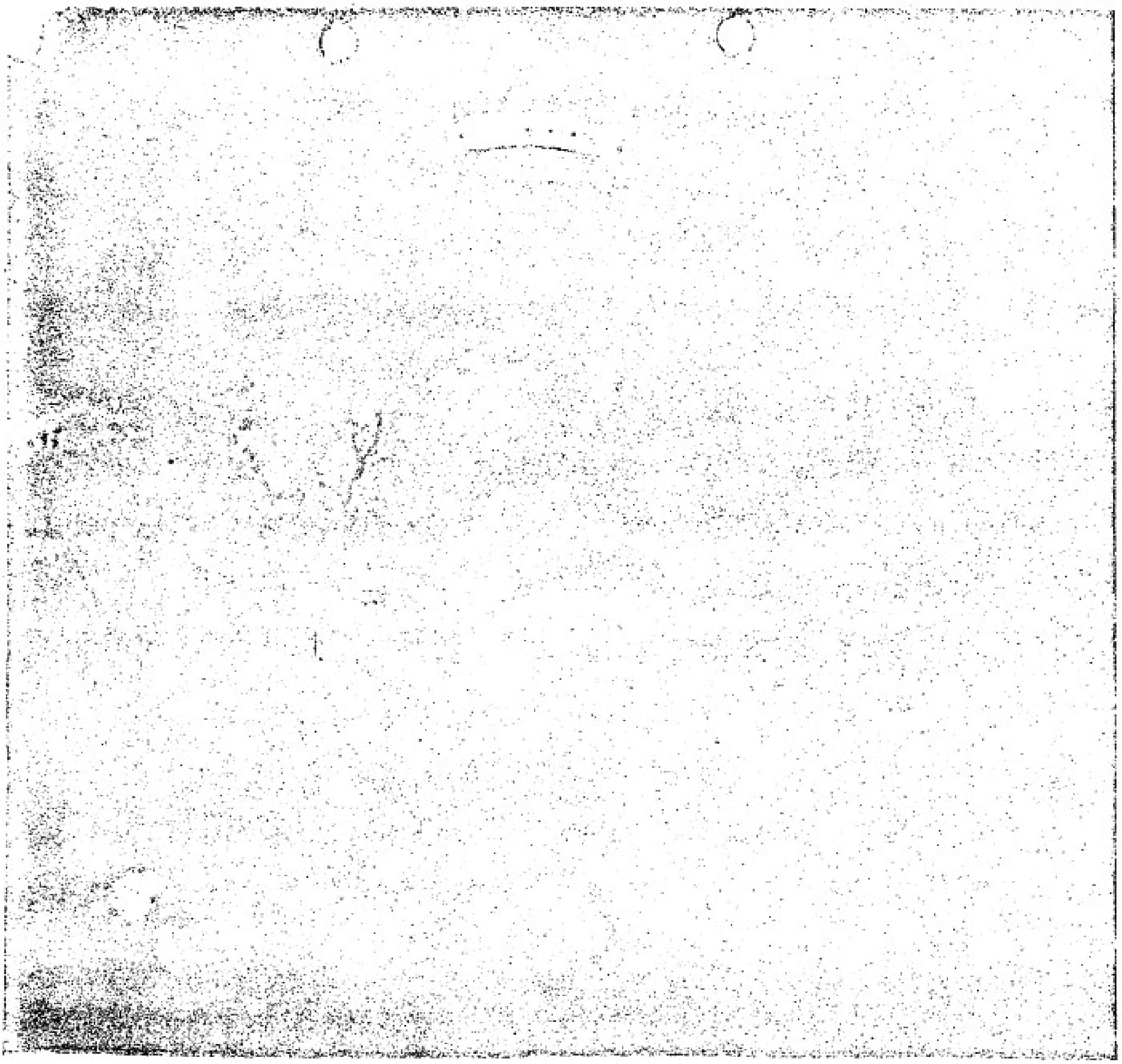
Photograph of Unidentified
Flying Object

cc: CG, AMC (MCIS) (dup)



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DATE 14 DEC 1975
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INFORMATION COPY
From 5th District OSI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

23 May 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object at
Neosho, Missouri

24-185-11-14

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 17 May 1955, from the 11th OSI District (IG), Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Spot Rpt dtd 17 May 55

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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BY KURT H. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

11D 24-0

MAY 1955

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object at
Neosho, Missouri

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Special Agent in Charge, Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Division Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised this district that [redacted]t, Little Rock, Arkansas, had submitted a written report in which it is reflected that at approximately 5:34 P. M., 24 September 1954, he observed an unidentified flying object near Neosho, Missouri.

2. Mr. [redacted]t, Little Rock, Arkansas, voluntarily appeared and submitted a typewritten report to the Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, for whatever purpose it might serve. In this report [redacted] claims to have sighted an unidentified flying object. The contents of this Report are set forth below:

"Report on Unidentified Flying Object

Date: Sept. 24, 1954
Time: 5:34 p. m.
Location: Approx. one mile south of main entrance to Camp
Crowder, just south of Neosho, Mo., on U. S. Highway
71
Apparent height at first observation: 10,000 to 12,000 feet.
Apparent diameter of object: 20 to 30 feet.

"Circumstances: The undersigned, together with his wife, was driving along Highway 71 en route from Carthage, Mo., to Fayetteville, Ark. I happened to glance upward after driving around a slight curve, observed the object, and immediately pulled off the highway, starting counting seconds at the same time. I have had considerable training in counting

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"seconds and seldom err more than plus or minus 10%. It required about 6 seconds to stop and I observed the object intermittently during this short interval. It had a slight rolling motion, but never more than 90 degrees, first counter-clockwise, then the reverse, before making the first loop (as per the attached sketch.) The visible surface was presented somewhat obliquely during the first lateral travel, more so after making the first loop and almost edge-on at the second loop (seconds 11-12). During the first 6 seconds in trying to stop and also note the actions of the object, it seemed that the side presented to view had four quadrature markings in the saucer-shaped object, but whether they were projections, depressions or merely coloration, is doubtful. This is what gave the impression of the rolling motion. During the span of the first 6 seconds, speed of the object was comparatively leisurely, being 6 to eight times its own diameter per second. It then increased its speed and also receded at a rapid rate and by the time it had intersected its first point of observation at 11 seconds, it was traveling 20 to 30 times its own diameter per second and also presented the edge-wise view. The apparent diameter was now a half to a third of its first-observed size, and during the fleeting glimpse I had of the top-side, there was possibly a projection somewhat resembling the conning tower of a submarine. The speed with which things were happening and the uncertainties of lighting at this time of day make such an observation of little value. After completing the second loop at seconds 14, speed of the object increased still further both transversely and receding, and at seconds 24 it had become completely invisible. There was no sign of smoke or vapor emanating from the object, nor was there any sound, but this could not be strictly determined because of the noise of oncoming traffic while observation was in progress.

"CONCLUSIONS

"For what they may be worth, this reporter submits the following conclusions regarding the above observation:

"First, occupants of the object decided to ascend to heights beyond visibility when they found they were being observed. It is likely that others were interested, like the undersigned, and there may have been radar or other means of determining location and size at work on the Camp Crowder reservation.

"Second, means of propulsion of the object was some form of power not generally known, probably atomic, because of the sudden acceleration and terrific speed developed.

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"Third, the object did not depend on air for support or guidance, because the loops at seconds 11-12 and 21-22 were too abrupt for air-supported devices. That is, unless the object was considerably smaller than it appeared.

"This reporter recognizes that the suddenness of the occasion for the observation and the lack of means for establishing true distances and sizes make this observation of doubtful value, but it may lead to more substantial information."

3. The evaluation of this report has been placed at F-4, since it is impossible to properly evaluate the information without further interview of Mr. [redacted]

4. ACTION: Copies of this report with inclosure have been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

5. This report is classified [redacted] pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Photostatic copy of Report of [illegible] KELLY

cc: CG, AMC ([illegible]) (dup)

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Information Concerning Unidentified
Flying Objects

TO: District Commander
14th District OSI (IG) USAF
Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado

1. Attached is a letter reportedly from [redacted] Denver, Colorado, concerning unidentified flying objects.

2. This information was originally addressed to Major J. BOGGS, Deputy Director, Air Information, USAF, Washington, D. C., who has been identified as Major JONATHAN BOGGS, AO 534841, 3360th Student Squadron, Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas.

3. Major BOGGS furnished the letter and envelope to this agency for appropriate action.

4. This letter is classified [redacted] pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c, AFR 205-1.

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Ltr from [redacted],
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cc: ✓ Dir OSI (w/incl)

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Major J. Boggs

Deputy Director Air Intelligence for U.S. Air Force

Pentagon Building

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You are now prepared for a letter composed and written by a screwball, a lamebrain, or an idiot of completely indefinite knowledge of his or her belonging to a thinking race of humans. This thought was given you because of the lack of a return address.

But enough of the truly unimportant details. I shall now explain my purpose and my ambitions, also the purpose of this letter.

I have, for a rather long while carefully studied and analysed all of the infor mation I have been able to get ahold of this is of course quite a lot. I he now come to the sound deduction that; all "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" should be contacted and that we [illegible] interested opinion should be made known [illegible] in many forms of communication so it would, or they would be able to fully understand our purpose of communication.

Many details have of course been ommitted, if further conversation between you and I should beedesired w uld you please contact me in the city of Denver(actually only Wheat Ridge,Colorado)by the name of [redacted]ontact only Murray.

May the purpose of this letter and its potential interest to you greatly overshadow the many grammatical mistakes.

Most sincerely,

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SUBJECT: (U) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Balloon of Unidentified Origin Landing on Property of [redacted] Temple, Oklahoma

24-185-11-16

TO: Commander
ATTN: Provost Marshal
Sheppard AFB, Texas

1. The following summary of information was furnished this office by OSI District Office Nr. 11, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, who received the information from the Commander, Region VII, 112th CIC Group, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

"VI. (U) Miscellaneous Counterintelligence Information:

1. On 13 October 1958, the following information was received from Joseph H. Cason, Major, Arty, Liaison Officer, Office of AC of S, G-2, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Cason advised that it had been reported to the Office of the AC of S, G-2, by a [redacted] Lawton, Oklahoma, that on 10 October 1958, an unidentified balloon had landed on the property of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Temple, Oklahoma. The balloon was described as being approximately seven (7) feet square (deflated), and constructed of a thin plastic material. The balloon carried no instruments of any kind. However, either a note was attached to the balloon or inscribed on the balloon was the following phrase, written in the Russian Language: 'I do not understand Russian. How are You?' According to [redacted] the balloon is still in possession of the [redacted]. (B-6)

The phrase which had been written in the Russian Language was translated by a Marshall R. Hurley, Captain, 02014784, Btry "A", 2d How Bn, 37th Arty, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Hurley opined that the phrase appeared to be one that would have normally appeared in small pamphlet-type foreign language dictionary issued to the American soldier during the war for conversational purposes. (B-2)"

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Copy for: Director, Special Investigations

Hq 23d Dist OSI, file 23D 24-0-273, subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Balloon of Unidentified Origin Landing on Property of [redacted] Temple, Okla.

2. No further action is contemplated by this District.

3. This letter is classified [redacted] in order to protect this information against unauthorized disclosure.

G. E. Sternberg Jr.
MAJOR, USAF
for and in the absence of
ROBERT S. RATLIFF
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI

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The Inspector General USAF
11th District Office of Special Investigations
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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17 OCT 1958

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Balloon of Unidentified Origin Landing on Property of J. W. COPELAND, Temple, Oklahoma

TO: District Commander
23d OSI District (IO) USAF
Carswell Air Force Base, Texas

1. On this date, the following Summary of Information was furnished this District Office by the Commander, Region VII, 112th CIC Group, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

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2. Request the foregoing be furnished the Commander, Sheppard AFB, Texas, as the Air Force installation nearest Temple, Oklahoma. (Paragraph 903, OSIB Nr 51)

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3. The CONFIDENTIAL classification is required on this letter for protection against unauthorized disclosure.

ALBERT C. HAUM
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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SUBJECT: (U)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): Balloon of Unidentified
Origin Landing on Property of J. W. COPELAND,
Temple, Oklahoma

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFCIN-4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Forwarded herewith for your information and any action deemed appropriate is one (1) copy of letter from District Office Nr. 11, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, dated 17 October 1958, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-4, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Ltr, DO #11 dtd 17 Oct 58

DOYLE REES
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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To: UFO, WICHITA FALLS, TEX., 9/28/60.

OBJECT

WICHITA FALLS, TEX. (AP)-A POLICE OFFICER SAID THIS MORNING HE SPOTTED A "HUGE BALL OF FIRE FALLING ALMOST DIRECTLY STRAIGHT DOWN WEST OF THE CITY" THIS MORNING.

ABOUT FIVE WICHITA FALLS OFFICERS SEARCHED THE COUNTRYSIDE WITHOUT FINDING ANY TRACE OF THE OBJECT EARLY TODAY.

POLICE DISPATCHER WAYNE COBB SAID UNITS FROM SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE HERE WOULD TAKE PART IN THE SEARCH.

COBB QUOTED OFFICER WAYNE HATCHER AS SAYING HE SAW THE BALL OF FIRE AND HEARD IT HIT THE GROUND AT 4:22 A. M.

HATCHER SAID HE WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY WHEN HE SAW THE FLAMING BALL ABOUT 1,000 FEET IN THE AIR. HE FOLLOWED ITS PATH DOWN AND SAID HE THOUGHT IT HIT EARTH ABOUT 5 OR 10 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF THIS NORTH TEXAS CITY.

COBB SAID FOUR OTHER OFFICERS MENTIONED SEEING THE FLAMING BALL. THEY SAID IT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 20 FEET IN DIAMETER.

OFFICERS AT THE AIR FORCE BASE SAID THEY HAD NO PLANES IN THE AREA AT THE TIME.

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7 OCT 1960

Reported Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on approximately
15 September 1960

2854th Air Base Wing (AMC)
Attn: OCBB
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

1. On 28 September 1960, Special Agent ROBERT M. ATKISSON, OSI Detachment 1105, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was contacted by Mrs. [redacted] [redacted], Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. [redacted] advised that she and her husband had sighted a strange object in the sky on approximately 15 September 1960. She explained her delay in calling this office as being 'afraid she would appear foolish'. S/A ATKISSON advised Mrs. [redacted] that he would contact her in person on 29 September 1960.

2. On 29 September 1960, Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed in her home by S/A ATKISSON. She related substantially the following information:

Approximately two weeks ago (exact date unknown), at 1900, she and her husband were driving West in the [redacted], in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this time the sun had just gone beyond the horizon and made the sky extremely red. Both she and her husband noted an oblong object in the sky. During the 5 to 6 minutes it was in view, it made two turns and then disappeared. When the object was traveling parallel with the horizon it had a distinct oblong appearance; however, when it went into turns it appeared to be U-shaped. When the object was first noted it was traveling in a northerly direction. After traveling North for a short time it made a complete turn and headed straight South. It traveled South for approximately 4 minutes, turned North again and shortly thereafter it disappeared. The object appeared to be silver in color, but did not glare or reflect the sunlight. The best description of the appearance would be to say that it was "soft or glowing". There were no aircraft in the air during the time the object was in view, and the object in no way resembled an aircraft. It had no wings and left no contrails. It appeared to be quite high and traveling about the same speed as Echo I. During the time it was in view it was approximately 20 degrees above the horizon.

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3. When S/A ATKISSON attempted to determine the specific date the object was sighted, Mrs. [redacted] stated that it was the same day that a new satellite was launched. She advised that she was referring to

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the next major satellite launching following Echo I. She recalled an article in a Tulsa newspaper and believed the satellite was called "Cochie". Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had called a newspaper, weather bureau and a Government office, the day after the sighting but no one appeared to be interested.

4. Mrs. [redacted] is a heavy set woman, approximately 50 years old. Her husband is a barber in Tulsa. Both she and her husband wear glasses for close work but she advised that they both have excellent vision at a distance. She appears to be in good health. Her conversation with S/A ATKISSON was rational; however she took offense to questions, if she could interpret them as doubting her story. Neither she nor her husband flies an aircraft. She advised that she has resided near the Tulsa Municipal Airport all her life. Her home at present is approximately two miles from the Tulsa airport.

5. Indices of this district office contain no prior reference identifiable with Mrs. DeLOZIER.

ALBERT C. HAUM
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

Copy to: Dir OSI

28 September 1960 - 1720

SUBJECT: Spot Report from District Office 11 on Unidentified Flying Object 28 Sep 60

At 1545, 28 September 60, the Directorate of Special Investigations received a telephonic spot report from Special Agent Henry L. Gaylord, District Office 11, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, which is quoted below:

"Crash reported to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas, 0425 hours, 28 September 1960, at a point five to eight miles west of Wichita Falls and witnessed by several civilian police. Sheppard AFB air police investigation at scene resulted in recovery of charred debris, including shreds of parachute. Command notification has been made to ATIC for a team to come to the scene based upon personal evaluation of the Assistant Provost Marshal, Sheppard AFB, who has had experience with 'Moon Dust'. Local news media giving coverage. No request for OSI service. Sheppard AFB Provost Marshal has custody of debris and air police are continuing search of scene. Letter report follows with further details as developed."

The office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Hq USAF, was telephonically advised of the above information upon receipt. Colonel Glen Clark, SAFOI, was also given the above information.

Addendum: "Moon Dust" is unclassified nickname for recovery of reported material from space.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
11TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA

11 OCT 1960

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Reply to
Attn of: 11D INV 24-0

SUBJECT: ~~(U)~~ Moon Dust Report,
Wichita Falls, Texas
28 September 1960

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to telephonic spot report from this district office of 28 September 1960, referred to AFCSI-6D, concerning a Moon Dust Report in the vicinity of Wichita Falls, Texas, on 28 September 1960.

2. On 4 October 1960, the Assistant Provost Marshal at Sheppard AFB, Texas, Major CARTER O. COOPER, advised that an ATIC Team from the 1127th USAF Field Activities Group, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, headed by a Capt ALEXANDER (not further identified), had investigated the incident. According to Major COOPER, the evaluations of the ATIC team could not be released at this local level; however, he said he had been informed unofficially that examination of recovered fragments indicated the incident did not come within the Moon Dust category.

3. In substance, the following information was reported to your directorate on 28 September 1960:

a. Maj E. J. BALAINI, 4245th Strategic Wing (SAC), Sheppard AFB, Texas, received a report at 0425 hours on 28 September 1960 from an unknown source to the effect that an unidentified flying object (UFO) had crashed some five (5) or eight (8) miles west of Wichita Falls, Texas.

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b. Sheppard AFB Air Police conducted investigation at the scene and also learned that the reported incident had been observed by several civilian police officers of the Wichita Falls Police Department.

c. At the scene, miscellaneous charred debris, including shreds of a parachute, reportedly was recovered and maintained in custody of the Sheppard AFB Provost Marshal.

d. Major COOPER (supra), who came to Sheppard AFB from an assignment involving work related to Moon Dust, made a personal evaluation

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that the crash involved Moon Dust. Accordingly, command notification was made to ATIC, with a request that ATIC send a team to conduct further investigation.

4. Investigative service by this office was not requested in this incident. There was reported coverage by local news media.

5. On the basis of Major COOPER's evaluation, local press coverage, and national press accounts indicating that the arrival in the U. S. by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV, might be accentuated by a USSR capsule recovery, a telephonic spot report was made.

6. On 3 October 1960, WILLIAM E. FEIN, Capt, AO 1847615, Information Officer, 819th Combat Support Group, Dyess AFB, Texas, reported that a person representing himself as [redacted] of the Smithsonian Institute, but having no Institute identification, requested information about this incident and asked Capt FEIN to contact Sheppard AFB, Texas, to assist in getting desired information. Capt FEIN said regulations require that information concerning possible UFO's be obtained directly from Hq USAF; thus, he was not honoring Mr. [redacted]'s request and was directing him to Hq USAF.

7. The 4 October 1960 morning edition of the Abilene Reporter-News, a reputable newspaper published at Abilene, Texas, carried an article captioned: "AF Regulations Impede Fireball Meteorite Hunt", a reproduction of which is attached. The article reports that [redacted], age 62, Associate Curator of Minerology, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., had received information before leaving Washington that a USAF search team, dispatched from Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, was to have searched in the local area on 30 September 1960, and that he had contacted Dyess AFB to determine where the team had checked and if anyone at Dyess AFB had seen the fall. The news item noted that Mr. [redacted]d been in Russia this year, during the midst of the U-2 incident.

8. A reproduction of an account from the 29 September 1960 edition of the Wichita Falls Record-News, a reputable newspaper published at Wichita Falls, Texas, citing USAF participation in the initial search, is attached. It was also noted that a UPI release, datelined Wichita Falls, was published in the 28 September 1960 edition of the Oklahoma City Times, a reputable newspaper published at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

9. This letter is classified [redacted] by authority of AFR 205-1 to protect counterintelligence investigative information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation.

ALBERT C. HAHM
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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1. News article, 29 Sep 60
2. News article, 4 Oct 60

SAYS SCIENTIST

AF Regulations Impede Fireball Meteorite Hunt

By H. V. O'BRIEN
Reporter-News Military Editor

Natural science investigation stumped its toe on Air Force regulations in Abilene Monday.

E. P. Henderson, associate curator of minerology for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., is in the Abilene area seeking information concerning the "fiery objects" and "strange lights" seen in this area early last Wednesday morning.

Based on reports of sightings reported in the Reporter-News and elsewhere, Henderson and his party have narrowed the area of search down to a point in northwest Haskell County where it is believed that a meteorite fell.

In order to narrow the area further, Henderson said he needed to check to see if an Air Force search team which was to have searched in the area Friday, had success.

According to information he received before leaving Washington the crew had been transferred from Fort Belvoir, Va., near the nation's capital to Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls.

An intensive search was conducted Saturday by Henderson and associates and he is continuing the hunt this week.

To determine where the team checked, and to see if anyone at Dyess AFB had seen the fall, Henderson contacted Dyess AFB Monday afternoon.

He was informed by the Dyess information office and by Lt. Col. Wilson A. Miles, 89th Air Division executive office, that any such information would have to come from the level of Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon.

Speed in finding the object is important because certain critical measurements can only be made in a few days after the fall, Henderson said.

When asked by the Reporter-News why the Smithsonian was so interested in finding the meteorites and studying them, Henderson explained:

"It's very simple, these items hurl to earth at a terrific speed.

"Their entry into our atmosphere, their path of flight, the chemical and physical properties of their material that falls, gives information about the chemistry of space.

"The Smithsonian, because of its important collection of these rare objects, is the prime source for study material of such objects.

"If a large meteorite were to fall and make a crater no larger than some now known, it might trigger the nuclear War War III we all dread, because someone failed to recognize the nature of the falling object."

Although immediate success at finding this object seemed remote, Henderson expressed happiness in that this initial regulation road-block might help cut down some boundaries of research in the future.

Assisting in the investigation was an Abilenian, R. B. Edmondson of 1049 N. 6th St., West Utilities engineer, an amateur photographer and astronomer, and Oscar Moning of 1010 Morningside Drive, Fort Worth, also an amateur astronomer.

Henderson, 62, has been with the Smithsonian some 30 years and has been in some seven countries since the first of the year on different investigations for the institute.

He has been to England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, India, the Philippines, and Russia this year on investigations. He was in Russia during the midst of the U2 incident.

Abilene, Reporter-News
Abilene, Texas
4 October 1960

Great Ball O' Fire! Where Did It Go?

The Air Force at SAFB refused to either confirm or deny that an object or evidence had been found Wednesday during the day's investigation of a mysterious ball be made until the investigation was completed, adding that the Air Force would continue its investigation of the fireball.

Sgt. Feeney explained that the Air Force checks on all reports of sky sightings such as the one seen Wednesday, but no statement is made regarding objects or information found until it is proven to be connected with the sighting.

However, he refused to confirm a report that an object of some kind had been found during the investigation; he also refused to confirm that nothing had been found.

The big search got started when two policemen and two photographers reported seeing a great ball of fire in the sky at 4 a.m. Wednesday.

Later, dozens of other local and area calls came in from persons reporting seeing the same big ball of fire which appeared to land and explode with a great flash of light and noise somewhere west of Wichita Falls.

After daylight, Texas Department of Public Safety patrol cars searched areas along county roads west of town in an effort to find remains of the fireball, which searchers said could have been anything from a meteor to a spaceship from Mars.

Later they were joined by a ground search crew from SAFB and a helicopter from Fort Sill, Okla., which were used in the search until about noon.

First persons to report seeing the light in the sky were Dale Terry and Jim Cochran, Record News photographers who were riding in a police car when the 4 a.m. flash occurred. Two policemen, Doyle Miles and H. W. Harcher, also saw the flash from different sections of town.

Terry said the flash made it "bright enough in the car to read a newspaper," although he said he didn't have a newspaper with him at the time. Cochran said the fireball seemed to "fish tail" as it hit, then exploded and lit up the entire sky.

Other reported sightings of the fireball came from the weather bureau at Abilene and Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robertson, Times Publishing Company agents at Archer City; persons at Altus, Okla., different sections around Wichita Falls, Midland and Electra.

But, by late Wednesday no trace of a fireball, meteor or spaceship had been found.

The above article was taken from the Morning Edition of the Wichita Falls Record News, Wichita Falls, Texas, dated 23 September [illegible].

MULTIPURPOSE INTERNAL OSI FORM
(Complete only applicable items)

FILE NR. IAD 24C-0

SUBJECT: Sighting of UFO Near Temple, Oklahoma, on 23 March 1966

TRANSMITTAL DATE: 5 Apr 66 cb

SUSPENSE DATE:

TRACER ACTION TAKEN:

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OTHER REMARKS

1. On 25 March 1966, [redacted], Wichita Falls, Texas, telephonically advised SA RUSSELL A. WILLIAMS, Commander, OSI Det 1114, that a friend of his, a Mr. [redacted] observed an Unidentified Flying Object on the ground on the morning of 23 March 1966, in the vicinity of Temple, Oklahoma. [redacted] said he was told by [redacted] that he had seen a GI enter the craft. [redacted] described the craft as approximately 12 feet high, 70 feet long, 30-40 feet wide. [redacted] said he was a friend of [redacted], a news commentator on a national network out of Chicago, and that he intended to notify [redacted] that [redacted] had said he had seen a GI enter the craft. His purpose for calling SA WILLIAMS was to determine if he had any objection to his making the call.

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2. SA WILLIAMS advised [redacted] that the information had already been in the local newspaper and that OSI did not handle UFO sightings. [redacted] sounded as though he were drunk at the time he made the call. [redacted] and [redacted] are both civilian employees at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-56

DATE 23 October 1949

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REPORT MADE AT DO #12, Scott AFB

PERIOD 20 September 1949

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REFERENCE Ltr, Hqs, OSI, dtd 10 Aug 49, file no. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

Unidentified aerial phenomena observed by two informants for a period of approximately four hours on 23 July 1949.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation was requested by Headquarters, United States Air Force, The Inspector General, Office of Special Investigations, Washington 25, D.C., pursuant to a letter from the 12th OSI District (IG), dated 28 July 1949, concerning the sighting of flying objects by Mr. GWYNNE MOSSER of Lafayette, Indiana, on 23 July 1949.

2. This investigation was conducted by Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN.

AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

3. On 20 September 1949 [redacted], age 50, Clerk in the Accounting Department of Monon Route Railroad, [redacted], and [redacted] age 23, clerk , Monon Route Railroad, [redacted] were interviewed by Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN and furnished him with the following information concerning air phenomena at Delphi, Indiana, at approximately 2300 hours (CST) on Saturday, 23 July 1949: [redacted] and [redacted] were fishing in an old stone quary at the northeast edge of Delphi, Indiana, when [redacted] happened to look in the sky and saw two dimly illuminated objects and called [redacted] attention to them. [redacted] and [redacted] described the objects as being approximately fifty feet in diameter, disk shaped and silver in color. [redacted] and ROBERTSON advised that the objects were highly manouverable. One disk was spinning in a clock wise direction in its own axis and the second disk was spinning counter clock wise in its own axis and did various loops, turns and dives. Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised that the disks stayed within a close proximity and in their opinion were connected together, and appeared to be between 1500 and 2000 feet in altitude. The objects appeared to be at a 45° angle with the horizon and at 1:00 o'clock direction when first observed. The objects made no sound nor produced no odor. The objects were observed for approximately four hours. They changed their positions from 1:00 o'clock to 11:00 o'clock then to 12:00 o'clock and gradually grew dimmer and disappeared. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that there were no clouds, no moon and that the night was very dark.

4. In accordance with AFCSI Letter 85, dated 12 August 1949, the following information was supplied by [redacted] and [redacted].

A. Date of sighting - Saturday, 23 July 1949.
B. Time of sighting - 2300 hours, CST.
C. Where sighted - At the Delphi, Indiana, Stone Quarry, approximately five blocks northeast of Delphi, Indiana. The observer was on the ground and the objects were sighted in the sky.
D. Number of objects - Two.
E. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting - None.
F. Distance of objects from observer - In the opinion of the observers, objects appeared to be at an approximate altitude of 1500 to 2000 feet and at 45° angle of elevation from horizon.
G. Time in sight - approximately four hours.

[redacted]

H. Appearance of objects:
  (a) Color - Silver
  (b) Shape - Disk like and flat
  (c) Apparent construction - unknown
  (d) Size - Approximately 50 feet in diameter.
I. Tactics or maneuvers - Objects were revolving in a tremendous speed in their own axis; however, traversing speed was slow. Objects did loops, dives and definite gyrations.
J. Direction of Flight - Objects were first sighted in a one o'clock position. From the one o'clock position, objects moved to a 11 o'clock position, then to a 12 o'clock position, from where they disappeared.
K. Evidence of exhaust or odor - None.
L. Effect on clouds - There were no clouds visible.
M. Lights - Object appeared luminous entirely.
N. Support - No evidence of support could be noted.
O. Propulsion - Objects appeared to be spinning with a tremendous speed.
P. Control or Stability - None visible.
Q. Air ducts, etc. - None visible.
R. Speed MPH - The speed of objects could not be determined insofar as traversing speed was very slow. It took objects over an hour to move from one o'clock position to 11:00 o'clock position.
S. Sound - None.
T. Manner of Disappearance - Faded from view.
U. Direction of Rotation - One object rotated in a clockwise direction and the other in a counter clockwise direction.

5. Informants stated that objects did not vary in distance from each other and were always in same position relative to each other. Objects disappeared from sight when in a flat position in relation to observers eyes.

6. A check of nearby weather stations by Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN revealed no information pertinent to this investigation.

7. A neighborhood check at Delphi, Indiana, conducted 20 September 1949 resulted in no additional information regarding these objects.

8. A check at the Delphi, Indiana, Police Station on 20 September 1949 was negative. No flying objects had been reported on date in question.

9. RICHARD RAINBOLT, Editor, Delphi Journal, Delphi, Indiana, when interviewed on 20 September 1949, stated that no reports were made to the paper concerning flying objects.

10. [redacted] further indicated that he saw what appeared to be a spot light of a car trying to pick up the objects; however, the beam did not reach the objects. Also, search lights were observed at a distance of about five miles in a Northeastern and Northwestern direction of the observers. (NOTE: The search lights were seen in the same direction as the objects; however, search lights were observed only part of the time.)

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11. It is also to be noted that the Wabash River is located to the immediate northwest of Delphi, Indiana. It is also possible that haze and mist may have formed over the river on the night in question.

12. Neither of the informants have since been able to contact persons who also observed the objects on the night in question.

13. It is the opinion of Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN that neither of the informants sought publicity.

14. In the opinion of Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN, MOSSER is above average in intelligence and appears to be a man of honest convictions and common sense. He was, up to 1944, a reported in the State House of Indiana. He does some writing at the present time. He was not drinking on the night in question nor was he wearing glasses.

15. In the opinion of Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN, ROBERTSON is quiet mannered, of average intelligence. He served three years in the Navy.

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DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 12, SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

AT DELPHI, INDIANA

1. Will attempt to locate individuals who may have seen objects on the night in question.

2. Will obtain, if possible, information on weather conditions, winds aloft reports and information on testing devices in that vicinity, if any.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No.
24-56

Date
25 January 1950

Report made by
FERDINAND L. GOETZ

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Title
AERIAL PHENOMENA

Report made at
DO #12, [illegible]

Period
20 Sept - month of Oct 1949

Office of origin
DO #12, Scott AFB

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Report of S/A FERDINAND L. GOETZ, DO #12, Scott AFB, Dated 28 Oct 49, File 24-56

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Investigation failed to reveal any other persons who on 23 July 1949 observed aerial phenomena at Delphi, Indiana.

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DETAILS:

AT DELPHI, INDIANA

1. Investigation in the vicinity of Delphi, Indiana, and immediate locale by Special Agent DONALD E. GREENWOOD and Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN during the months of September and October 1949 failed to reveal any other persons who on the night of 23 July 1949 observed aerial phenomena in the vicinity of Delphi, Indiana.

AT LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

2. Checks with the Weather Bureaus in the vicinityof Lafayette, Indiana, on 20 September 1949 by Special Agent DENZIL F. WILDMAN, and at Delphi, Indiana, during the month of October 1949 by Special Agent DONALD E. GREENWOOD, met with negative results.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

10 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted] Evansville, Indiana, reported sighting what appeared to be a rocket near Newburg, Indiana, at approximately 2100 hours, 4 March 1950. Rocket appeared to be 10 or 12 inches in diameter travelling at rate of speed of an aircraft approximately 15 feet above and parallel to the ground. No flames observed, no noise heard. [redacted] driving automobile 50 miles per hour drove into smoke emitted from the object. (Telephonic report FBI, Indianapolis, Ind.—(F-6)

2. DETAILS: At approximately 2200 hours, 4 March 1950, Mr. [redacted] Identification Officer, of the Police Department, Evansville, Indiana, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Field Office, Indianapolis, that a friend, Mr. [redacted], employed in the blue print division, Ridgeway Optical Company, [redacted], Evansville, Indiana, advised that at approximately 2100 hours, 4 March 1950, he was driving east approximately two miles east of the Junction of Indiana State Highway 66 and 261 north of Newburg, Indiana, when he observed an object which he believed to be a rocket at a distance of approximately 50 or 75 yards in front of his automobile. This object was flying across the highway in a northerly direction. [redacted] did not see any flames but he did see smoke being emitted from the object. This object appeared to be a cylinder 10 or 12 inches in diameter and appeared to be travelling at a rate of speed of an aircraft, approximately 15 feet above the ground flying parallel to the ground. He saw no flames and heard no noise. [redacted] was travelling approximately 50 miles per hour and drove into the smoke emitted from said object. [redacted]S wife who was also in the automobile saw the smoke from the object.

3. ACTION: Any further reports concerning this object will be furnished immediately. Any written report from the FBI confirming this report will be submitted. Commanding Officer, Atterbury AFB, Columbus, Indiana, Commanding Officer, Benjamin Harrison AFB, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Commanding General, Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Illinois, notified with a copy of this report.

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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

16 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted], DuQuoin, Illinois, reported sighting an unconventional aircraft described as shaped like a discus approximately 60 feet in diameter, 10 feet thick in the middle and thin at the edges. [redacted] sighted the object at approximately 0700 hours, 27 February 1950, near Coulterville, Illinois. [redacted] had object in view for approximately 15 minutes, noticed no vapor trails, flames or smoke. Object highly maneuverable. Object finally disappeared heading directly south from DuQuoin, Illinois, in the direction of Carbondale, Illinois, at a speed of better than 150 miles per hour. At the time of sighting of object [redacted] was flying a PT-19 and was accompanied by his wife. (Interview with [redacted], DuQuoin, Illinois on 15 March 1950) (F-6)

2. DETAILS: At approximately 0700 hours, 27 February 1950, Mr. [redacted], DuQuoin, Illinois, was returning to DuQuoin, Illinois from Woodriver, Illinois in a PT-19 aircraft accompanied by his wife when he noticed an object near Coulterville, Illinois, which appeared to be an aircraft. [redacted] gained altitude to 5,000 feet where he appeared to be at the same level with the object. [redacted] described this object as being in the shape of a discus approximately 60 feet in diameter, 10 feet thick in the middle and thin at the edges. It had a high metallic shine and he could not distinguish any markings nor breaks in the metal for windows or rotors, etc. He did not notice any flames or smoke and could see no vapor trails. It appeared to be highly maneuverable and made several turns both to right and left and also moved up and down. [redacted] had this object in view for approximately 15 minutes and was as close as one-half mile away from it. [redacted] stated that he flew above, below and to either side of the object to be certain that he was not experiencing an illusion or viewing a reflection. He stated that the sky was clear which eliminated the possibility of cloud reflection. The air was smooth and he believed that the object moved up and down under its own power and not as a result of air current. The object appeared to tilt in the direction which it intended to move but [redacted] could not distinguish any front or rear of the object. There was no visible indication of how it was powered. [redacted]

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stated that he has retained in his mind the idea that the object appeared to be cut in sections wide at the edge to narrow in the middle resembling the cuts of a piece of a pie. [redacted] stated that he was flying at approximately 140 to 150 miles per hour when the object picked up speed and disappeared.

[redacted] gave as a reason for not previously reporting this incident the fact that he thought he would be ridiculed if he claimed to have sighted a flying disk.

No further reports concerning this object have been received from persons residing in the area in which [redacted] reported he sighted it. There have been no newspaper articles concerning anyone else in this area having sighted such an object.

3. ACTION: Any further reports concerning this object or any incidents of the same type will be furnished immediately. The Commanding General, Continental Air Command, Mitchell AFB, Commanding General, Air Training Command, Commanding General, Scott AFB and Commanding General, Chanute AFB have been notified with a copy of this report.

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Major USAF
Acting District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

18 April 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted], Kokomo, Indiana, reportedly observed what he described as a flying saucer. [redacted] revealed that the object was a grayish metal disc perhaps 50 feet or more in diameter hovering approximately 200 feet in the air and rotating slowly. The top side appeared to have a conning tower on it. There was a bluish light coming from three port hole windows in the outer rim of the disc. A noise described like the moaning of the wind was heard. (Newspaper article 13 April 1950 edition Indianapolis Star) F-6

2. DETAILS: On 13 April 1950 [redacted] of Kokomo, Indiana, reported that he saw a flying saucer which he described as a grayish metal disc perhaps 50 feet or more in diameter hovering over the back yard of his home about 200 feet in the air and slowly rotating. [redacted] stated: "Ever so often one side would tilt downward and I could see on top what looked to be kind of like a little conning tower. There was a bluish light coming from 3 port hole windows in the outer rim of the disc". [redacted] reported that the only noise he heard "was like the wind moaning". [redacted] further stated: "I watched it for two or three minutes, finally it began to rise upwards. Then it went higher and higher, began moving northward and finally disappeared". [redacted] stated that he observed this disc on Saturday morning (8 April 1950) but did not report it until 13 April 1950 because "he didn't want to be laughed at". [redacted] is married and the father of three sons. He resides in a quiet residential section in Kokomo. It is reported that he has a reputation for being forthright and truthful which might add weight to his statement concerning a flying disc.

3. ACTION: Any further reports concerning this object will be furnished immediately. Commanding Officer, Atterbury AFB, Columbus, Indiana, Commanding Officer, Benjamin Harrison AFB, Indianapolis, Indiana, Commanding General, Continental Air Command, Mitchel AFB, New York, and Commanding General, Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Illinois, notified with a copy of this report.

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Major, USAF
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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted over
Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute,
Indiana, 9 October 1951

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TO: District Commander
2nd OSI District (IG)
67 Broad Street
New York, N. Y.

1. Reference is made to letter, your district, file 24-0-113, dated 30 October 1951, regarding captioned subject.

2. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Counter-Intelligence Spot Report prepared regarding subject incident.

3. In the absence of a specific request by competent authority as defined in AFOSI Letter 85, dated 23 October 1950, additional action is not being taken by this District Office.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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25 October 1951

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Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over
Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute,
Indiana, 9 October 1951

TO: Director
Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted]AA, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, reported to the Office of Special Investigations agent that on 9 October 1951 at 1342 hours he observed an unknown unidentified aerial object directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport. The object was approximately the size of a half-dollar coin held at arm's length and was flying in a southeasterly direction. The day was clear and informant's vision was unobstructed. Exact size and altitude of the object unknown. Informant advised that a pilot, one Charles Warren, sighted a similar object on the same date at approximately 1345 hours just east of Paris, Illinois at approximately 5,000 feet. Object was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction, south of the Atomic Energy Plant at Newport, Indiana.

2. DETAILS: Mr. [redacted] Terre Haute, Indiana, [redacted]r, Civil Aeronautics Authority, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, was interviewed on 12 October 1951 by Special Agent Elbert W. Farris, and stated that he had observed an unknown unidentified aerial object at 1342 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951. The object was sighted directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport which is located approximately five (5) miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana, on Indiana State Road No. 42. According to Mr. [redacted] the object was approximately the size of a one-half dollar held at arms length; was silver in color and flew in a southeasterly direction. Mr. [redacted] stated that the object pursued a straight path of flight; that he

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observed no vapor trails; heard no noise and observed no protruding fins or other protrusions on this aerial object. Mr. [redacted] stated he observed the object pass from directly over his head to the horizon in approximately fifteen seconds which he considered to be a conservative estimate of time. The day was clear, a bright sun, no clouds or haze, vision was not obstructed by trees or other foliage or buildings and the object traveled over flat terrain; shape and general form of object could still be observed at the time it disappeared over the horizon. Mr. [redacted] stated that he could not estimate the object's size or altitude. According to Mr. [redacted], if this object was 200 feet high, it would have been traveling approximately 2,880 miles per hour and that the speed in miles per hour would increase in proportion to the object's height. Mr. [redacted] further stated that either this object or another was sighted by [redacted]rre Haute, Indiana, at approximately 1345 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951, just east of Paris, Illinois. [redacted] was flying a private plane at an altitude of 5,000 feet from Greencastle, Indiana, to Paris, Illinois, and sighted this silver object just east of Paris, Illinois at 5,000 feet. The object appeared to be stationary at 5,000 feet, inasmuch as it did not increase or diminish in size with the approach of the plane. The object then reversed its direction and was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction south of the Atomic Energy Plant at Newport, Indiana.

3. **ACTION**: Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, notified by two (2) information copies of this report.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

12D 49-0-5

13 JUN 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. [redacted] Webster Groves, Missouri, reported sighting two (2) objects in the sky at approximately 1700 hours 29 May 1952 off the coast of the Florida Keys while aboard the U.S.S. Oriskany CV-34. [redacted] related that he was standing beside the ship's telescope on the starboard side of the navigation deck and observed the two (2) objects through the telescope upon being informed by the Radar Officer, name unknown, that there were two (2) saucers in the sky. Evaluation of information cannot be determined.

2. DETAILS: On 10 June 1952, Mr[redacted]t Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agent KENNETH L. THOMPSON at his [redacted]) home, upon his own request. Mr. [redacted] stated that he is a Field Representative Engineer for Vickers Electric Division, Vickers, Incorporated, 1815 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted] stated that on 29 May 1952 he was aboard the U.S. Aircraft Carrier Oriskany, CV-34, Commanded by Captain J. O. LAMBRECHT, U.S. Navy, enroute from Norfolk, Virginia to Guantanamo, Cuba. At approximately 1700 to 1730 hours, 29 May 1952, the Radar Officer, name unknown, ran from the Radar Room and said that there were two (2) saucers in the sky. [redacted] advised that he [redacted] was standing beside the ship's telescope, located on the starboard side of the navigation deck, and immediately looked at the objects in the sky through the telescope. [redacted] stated that there were two (2) objects in the sky, at an estimated altitude of 10,000 to 15,000 feet, flying in a "front" formation. Each object was leaving a white vapor trail.

[redacted] described the objects and conditions under which they were observed as follows: Eliptical in shape, with what appeared to be a bubble on the top. The size was estimated to be larger than a jet fighter type aircraft or possibly the size of a flying wing.

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There was no apparent color as the view was a silhouette. There were two (2) objects, each leaving a white vapor trail. No apparent propulsion system could be observed. The speed was estimated above the sonic range as the objects were in view only fifteen (15) to twenty (20) seconds when they disappeared from sight. There was no sound audible due to aircraft in operation on the flight deck. The objects were viewed by means of a telescope, and the Radar Officer viewed the objects on the radar scope. The power of the telescope is unknown. The location of the aircraft carrier at the time of the sighting was approximately off the Florida Keys, as the carrier passed Santo Domingo Island sometime between 2100 hours and 2200 hours on 29 May 1952. The objects were observed in the western sky off the starboard side of the carrier at an approximate angle of thirty (30) to forty (40) degrees above the horizon at an altitude of 10,000 to 15,000 feet. The carrier was headed in a southerly direction. The objects' course paralleled that of the carrier. The weather conditions were described as being high cumulus clouds and calm sea. Weather sequences were not checked by the observer. The observer could not recall any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. The observer did not have any photographs or physical evidence. No interception or identification action was taken.

[redacted] stated that he has flown a great deal and considered his estimate of the altitude carefully. He gave the appearance of a calm person, not readily excited, and considered his answers very carefully before answering any questions. [redacted] advised he did not report this incident to the security officer nor to the intelligence officer upon arrival at port. He could not state as to what action the Radar Officer, who first sighted the objects, took in reporting the incident. [redacted] stated that it was at the suggestion of his employer, Vickers, Incorporated, that the matter be reported to the USAF that he contacted the OSI Office, St. Louis Detachment, by telephone and requested that an agent receive the information in person.

3. **ACTION**: The Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, is being notified by copies of this report. No further action is contemplated by this District.

cc: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS
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Lt Colonel, USAF
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

12D 1-11

29 July 1952

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft Sighting

TO: Director
Office of Special Investigations
Washington, D.C.

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Inclosed herewith as a matter of interest to your office is a newspaper clipping from the Indianapolis Times of 28 July 1952, pertaining to a recent "Flying Saucer" report.

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Lt. Col., USAF
District Commander

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Saucer 'Dogfight' Puts AF on Toes in State

Hundreds of Hoosiers Watch Mystery Lights

Three "flying saucers" that appeared over South Central Indiana threw an Air Force base of jet fighters into a "readiness alert" early today.

The mysterious objects were seen by hundreds of Hoosiers in 20 or more counties south of Indianapolis. State police, civil defense officials and military personnel watched the saucers perform for nearly 5 hours.

At one time, the objects appeared to have a friendly "dogfight" over Franklin. They zipped off in various directions as dawn approached.

Troopers from three state police posts, Indianapolis, Seymour and Connersville—kept in radio contact with each other while observing the silent, high-flying "saucers."

Authorities at Camp Atterbury were alerted. Personnel at Atterbury Air Base also watched the objects.

Robert Wolfe, civil defense director at Franklin, alerted the Air Force's filter center at South Bend.

"I was led to believe that jet fighters were on the way from Selfridge Field," he said.

A state trooper at Seymour said the "things were so weird I hesitate to even talk about them."

The white one was spotted first.

Mellis radioed Longstreet, who confirmed he could see the object.

"It was very high in the sky—like a star—and it moved up and down and back and forth, and at times it would hover," Longstreet told The News this morning.

REPORTS IN LINE WITH CAPITAL'S

The Indiana reports of "flying saucers" coincided with other reports of objects in the skies near Washington. In that area, radar showed unidentified objects for the second time within a week.

The objects were clearly visible from the police posts at Indianapolis, Connersville and Seymour,

Indianapolis Times
28 July 1952
Indianapolis, Indiana

them."

HAD DIFFERENT COLORED LIGHTS

The saucers were described by Wolfe [illegible] colored lights—one was bluish, one orange and one white.

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[illegible] persons—including troopers at Connersville, Seymour and Indianapolis—who witnessed the predawn spectacle, and all agreed: The objects were not shooting stars.

They were not weather balloons.

The phenomenon wasn't a searchlight beam from a playful carnival operator who stayed up until nearly daylight.

The witnesses said these were objects—balloon-shaped and with fiery tails. There were no discrepancies in the descriptions, although there were confusing reports as to the flight pattern and maneuvers made by the objects.

Two state troopers—Charles Longstreet and Norman Mellis—were at opposite ends of Shelby County when they first noticed the objects about 1 a.m. [illegible] apolis, Connersville and Seymour. The posts form a triangle with 60 to 75-mile legs.

At Franklin, the first reports of saucers came from motorists driving on U.S. 31. An unidentified [illegible] drove to the police station and called attention to the bounding object in the sky.

Franklin police alerted Wolfe.

"I went out in the country with the police to a place where we could see clearly," the civil defense director said. That was around 3 a.m.

"Two of them—the white and orange ones—were chasing each other [illegible] what I'd call the [illegible]," Wolfe continued.

"I can't tell you the size of them or I can't tell you how high they were. I can tell you they traveled at a high rate of speed.

"When they chased each other, they danced all over the sky—like a kid pulling up and down on two or three balloons.

"After watching these two for a while, we picked up a third—the blue one—over to the right and on the same horizontal plane.

"I notified the South Bend filter center immediately and they told me to stand by."

Around 4 a.m., Wolfe added, the objects streaked south.

"We heard Atterbury Air Base confirm when the saucers—or whatever they were—went over that place. Seymour state police post also said they passed over the place," Wolfe went on.

"I've always been very skeptical about flying saucers—but there is no doubt that there's something to these," he concluded.

At 5 a.m., a state police car radioed Indianapolis headquarters that one of the objects had passed over Franklin and was headed toward this city at a "very high rate of speed." It was nearly daylight at that time.

No report was made as to whether troopers at the Indianapolis post saw the last reported saucer.

IF IT'S A JOKE, IT'S A BUM ONE

A scientist who asked that his name be withheld speculated today that "saucers" might be experimental aircraft developed by the United States.

"If this is the case," he said, "it's time the government quit playing jokes on the people."

An Ohio State University astronomer, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, said he thinks the persons who have reported seeing "saucers" were not just letting their imaginations get the best of them.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

12D 24-0-87

12 JUN 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Observed Florissant, Missouri
2200 hours, 30 May 53 (FLYOBRPT)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. This District Office is in receipt of correspondence from the St. Louis Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 9 June 1953, regarding subject matter, as follows:

"For your information and for whatever action you may deem appropriate, on June 2, 1953, [redacted] Florissant, Missouri, telephone TEmple[redacted] telephonically advised that at 10:00 P.M. on May 30, 1953, his wife and himself observed an unidentified object moving in an eastwardly direction from the west through the sky in a direct line flight from the porch of their residence.

Mr. [redacted] stated that this object, the speed or height of which he was unable to estimate, appeared to be white in color and about the size of a star. He stated that sufficient time elapsed during his observance to permit his wife to bring his eight power glasses through which he observed the object. He related that it appeared to move in a series of about eight surges or spurts with one second intervals between each. He advised that finally it appeared to come to rest for about two seconds and as its flight continued it vanished from his sight as it blended into the sky and stars.

He advised that he had difficulty in distinguishing it from a star, but was of the opinion that it was not a plane or a star. He further related that the glasses did not seem to bring the object any nearer."

2. This information has been obtained from other than USAF sources and may not be disseminated outside the Air Force establishment.

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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3. The preceding is submitted for your information and no action is contemplated by this Office.

for use in the absence
of District Commander

Garry A. McCaffrey
Major, USAF

JOE D. DENSON
Major, USAF
District Commander

cc: Chief, ATIC,
W-P AFB, Ohio

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12D 24-0-257

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
St. Louis, Missouri, 17 September 1957

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. At 1410 hours, Special Agent CHARLES F. CRUTCHFIELD, St. Louis Detachment OSI(IG), received a telephone call from a Mr. [redacted] reporting that he sighted an unidentified flying object at approximately 1100 hours, Central Standard Time.

2. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, the following report is submitted:

(1) Description of the object:

(a) Disc-shaped
(b) Estimated 100 yards in diameter
(c) Color was a metallic gray
(d) One
(e) Not applicable
(f) Negative except that object did not have the design of any conventional aircraft
(g) No vapor trail or exhaust visable
(h) Observer estimated sound to be that of a 100-cylinder diesel engine at a great distance
(i) Not applicable

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(2) Description of the course of object:

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(a) Sound first called observer's attention to object
(b) Ten (10) degrees from the zenith and about seventy (70) degrees from the horizon.
(c) Twenty (20) degrees from the horizon
(d) Object travelled nearly parallel to the horizon for about seven (7) seconds. Object made a circle and a slight angle toward the south and disappeared.

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(e) Disappeared in the distance
(f) Approximately ten (10) seconds

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground-visual
(b) No field glasses or other optical aid. Observer claimed 20-20 vision and was wearing polaroid-type sun glasses
(c) Not applicable

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 171700 Z
(b) Day

(5) Location of observer: Standing on a ladder at west end of house approximately 20 feet from the ground and looking toward the northwest.

(6) Identifying information of observer:

(a) Civilian -[redacted], 23 years; residing at 5466 Neosho St., St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate student in Chemistry at Northwestern University.

(7) Weather and winds-aloft:

(a) Clear
(b) Wind - southeast at 8 knots. Wind velocity at 80 degrees at 6,000 feet was 15 knots, 90 degrees at 10,000 feet was 20 knots, 220 degrees at 16,000 feet was 12 knots
(c) Ceiling - unlimited
(d) Visibility - 10 miles
(e) No clouds
(f) Negative

(8) No other unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise.

(9) Observer claimed he saw no other air traffic prior to or after sighting object.

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(10) Negative

(11) No physical evidence such as materials and photographs.

3. In addition to weather conditions sighted in the preceding paragraphs, Mr. WEBSTER LACEY, Observer-Briefer Meteorologist, St. Louis Weather Bureau stated a weather balloon was released from the Lambert Field Weather Station at 1100 hours Central Standard time and that with the prevailing wind conditions, it would have drifted eastward toward the city of St. Louis, and that there was a possibility that this was the object the observer had seen.

cc: Dir OSI
Comdr, 3310th TTW,
Scott AFB, Ill.

ROY A. LANGE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

12D 24-0-258

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
St. Louis, Missouri, 17 September 1957

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters, United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C. ATTN: Chief, C I Division

1. Synopsis: Unidentified flying object sighted by civilian observer, [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri at 1100 hours, Central Standard time, 17 September 1957. (OSI, F-6)

2. Details: a. At approximately 1545 hours, 17 September 1957, this District Headquarters was advised telephonically by Special Agent [redacted]ouis Detachment, that at 1100 hours, Central Standard time, an unidentified flying object had been observed in the St. Louis area. [redacted] 23 years old, civilian, a chemistry graduate student at Northwestern University, residing at [redacted]ho, Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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b. [redacted] stated that object was a round disc, metallic gray in color, and estimated it to be approximately 100 yards in diameter. When first observed the object was 10 degrees from the Zenith and 70 degrees from the Horizon, travelling nearly parallel to the horizon. Object made a circle and a slight angle toward the south before disappearing at about 20 degrees from the horizon. [redacted] estimated the sound to be that of a 100 - cylinder diesel engine at a great distance. Observer further stated he was wearing polaroid-type sun glasses at the time and did not use field glasses or other optical aids. Total time of observation approximately 10 seconds.

c. Weather was clear; visibility 10 miles, no clouds, ceiling-unlimited.

d. WEBSTER LACEY, Observer-Briefer Meteorologist, St. Louis, Missouri Weather Bureau advised that at 1100 hours, Central Standard time, a weather balloon was released from the Lambert Field Weather Station and with the prevailing winds would have drifted eastward toward

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, St. Louis, Missouri, 17 Sept 1957

St. Louis, and that there was a possibility that this was the object sighted.

3. Action: Commander, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado notified by letter in accordance with provisions of AFR 200-2, with copies for Director, Special Investigations, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington 25, D. C. and Commander, 3310th Technical Training Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

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ROY A. LANGE
Lt Colonel, USAF
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 12D 24-0

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

JUL 24 1959

TO: Hq, MATS
Scott AFB, Ill.

1. The following information was received from Mr. [redacted], Moline Acres, St. Louis County, Missouri by Special Agent RUDOLPH M. SCHELLHAMMER, Detachment Commander, St. Louis OSI Detachment. This information is furnished in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

a. Description of the OBJECT:

(1) Described as having the appearance of a star in motion.

(2) Size stated to be about that of a pea held in the hand at about arms length.

(3) Reddish in color.

(4) Only one (1) observed.

(5) N/A

(6) No discernible features or details.

(7) It appeared to have a tail.

(8) Made sound like large jet.

d. Description of course of OBJECT:

(1) Observed while scanning the sky. Attracted to his attention because of motion noted.

(2) Was traveling level in a north northwesterly direction when first observed.

(3) Upon disappearance still level traveling south.

(4) Flight path was a wide circular pattern from initial direction of north northwest to south.

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(5) The OBJECT disappeared gradually to the south as though traveling and then gradually diminishing in size.

(6) Was observed for between two (2) and three (3) minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual.

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 1047 P.M., Central Daylight Time, 20 July 1959 (0347A, 21 July 1959).

(2) Bright moon, clear night and intermittent clouds

e. Location of Observer:

(1) Observer was at his residence, reflected below.

f. Identifying information on Observer:

(1) [redacted], age 27 years, [redacted], [redacted], St. Louis County, Missouri, salesman for business machines. Reliability unknown.

f thru l. No information available.

WILLIAM COOK
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

Copy to: Dir/OSI, Hq USAF

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CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: 12D 24-0-330

SUBJECT: Report of Observation of UFO by Police Sergeant BRYON CHRISMER (N)

TO: Dir, Spec Inves, Hq USAF, Wash 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, subject as above, dated 25 March 1960, by our St Louis Detachment to Hq, Military Air Transport Service, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, a copy of which was furnished your Directorate.

2. Military Air Transport Service forwarded the following information by TWX in accordance with AFR 200-2, Paragraph 15:

> "UFO: a. (1) ROUND (2) SIZE OF TIRE ON HEAVY EARTH MOVING VEHICLE, APPROXIMATELY NINE FEET IN DIAMETER (3) WHITE (4) THREE OBJECTS (5) "THE" THREE SHIP ELEMENT (6) OBJECTS FLEW OVER CITY POLICE CAR AND ONLY BOTTOMS WERE OBSERVED, ROUND AND APPEARED FLAT AS SAUCERS. (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) NONE. b. (1) BRIGHT LIGHT APPEARED OVER WHOLE AREA OF LAMBERT FIELD, MISSOURI, LASTING ABOUT TWO SECONDS BEFORE THE THREE OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED. (2) DIRECTLY OVERHEAD AT ABOUT 5 - 10,000 FEET (3) 5-10,000 FEET SW TRAVELING TO NE VISIBLE FOR ABOUT 6 SECONDS. (4) DIRECT NE LEVEL FLIGHT (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY BELOW OVERCAST (6) SIX SECONDS c. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) A CHECK WITH OPERATIONS OFFICER, CAPT ROBERT S. BROMAN, AO 929931, DET 6, RADAR BOMB SQ AT 4300 GOODFELLOW, ST. LOUIS, MO, REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTING. A CHECK OF LOGS BY MR. CLARK TUCKER, RADAR WATCH SUPERVISOR FAA, LAMBERT FIELD, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, REVEALED NEGATIVE REPORT. (3) NOT APPLICABLE d. (1) 0800/24 ZULU (2) NIGHT. e.(1) ONE OBSERVER WAS PARKED IN CAR. GARFIELD AVENUE BETWEEN AIR PORT ROAD AND 1ST STREET (BERKELEY) ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (SOUTH SIDE OF LAMBERT FIELD) (2) SECOND OBSERVER WAS PARKED IN CAR ON NORTH SIDE OF LAMBERT FIELD AT BROWN AND COUNTY DAY ROAD (BERKELEY) ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. f. (1) S/SGT BRYAN CHRISNER, 34 YEARS OLD, 6628 THURSTON, BERKELEY, MISSOURI, A MEMBER OF THE BERKELEY POLICE FORCE, FORMER NAVY AIR FORCE PILOT AND HAD EXPERIENCE IN REPORTING UFO'S DURING MILITARY SERVICE. (2) OFFICER BOBBY EADES, ALSO MEMBER OF BERKELEY POLICE DEPT. BOTH OFFICERS WERE ON DUTY AT TIME OF SIGHTING. CHRISNER CONTACTED EADES ON CAR RADIO AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD NOTICED ANYTHING UNUSUAL. EADES ANSWERED "YOU MEAN THE SKY LIGHTING UP AND

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THE THREE OBJECTS GOING NORTHEAST". g. (1) RELATIVELY CLEAR. (2) WINDS - SURFACE, 311 DEGREES, 8 KNOTS, 6000 FEET, 330 DEGREES, 24 KNOTS, 9000 FEET, 310 DEGREES, 49 KNOTS. (3) CEILING AT 0155, 10,000 SCATTERED AND HIGH BROKEN. (4) VISIBILITY 10 MILES, NINE TENTHS CLOUD COVER. (5) SAME AS FOUR (4). (6) NONE. (7) THIRTY ONE DEGREES. h. NONE. i. CONTROL TOWER AT LAMBERT FIELD, REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME. MC DONNELL AIRCRAFT, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME. j. NONE. k. LT COL JOHN E. RHODE, CHIEF INTELLIGENCE, DCS/PLANS, HQ MATS, SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS. THE IDENTITY OF THE OBJECTS CAN NOT BE DETERMINED BY THIS HQ, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT IT MIGHT BE SOME FORM OF UNUSUAL WEATHER PHENOMENA."

3. The above is furnished for your information.

Robert W Stewart
Lt Col

WILLIAM COOK
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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ST. LOUIS DETACHMENT
12th OSI District (IG) USAF
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

25 March 1960

SUBJECT: Report of Observation of UFO by
Police Sergeant Bryon Chrismer

TO: Chief, Intelligence Division
DCS/Plans
Headquarters, MATS
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

1. This is to confirm the verbal briefing in compliance with AFR 200-2 received by your office from Major Jack Roberts, Detachment Commander, Scott OSI Detachment, concerning the siting of unidentified flying objects over St. Louis, Missouri, by Police Sergeant Bryon Chrismer and Police Patrolman Bobby Eades, Berkeley, Missouri Police Department at 0202 hours on 24 March 1960.

RUSSELL O. WOMACK, JR.
Special Agent, OSI
Commander

Copy to: Dir, OSI, Hqs USAF
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(U) UFO(S), Observed at 1715 Hours, 22 Oct 60, Rte 20, between Michigan City and Gary, Indiana, by [redacted] Civilian [redacted], Chicago 13, Ill.

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Comdr, CTTC (Center Operations Officer)

1. The following information received from OSI District Office 24, Chicago, Illinois, is furnished in accordance with the provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

2. On 23 December 1960, Mr. [redacted], Civilian, telephonically advised District Office 24 of an observation, on 22 October 1960, of what he believed to be an unusual group of lights. He explained that a recent radio program concerning Air Force interest in UFO's, prompted him to report this information despite the time lapse since the observation occurred.

3. The following information received from Mr. [redacted] is set forth in the format prescribed in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

a. **Description of the Object(s):**

1. A group of white spots of light.
2. Appeared to be size of large light bulbs as seen from approximately 1/2 mile distance, or the size of a common . 1/2 mile distance, or the size of a common nailhead at arms length.
3. White in color, incandescent, rather than fluorescent light.
4. Approximately 10-15 lights.
5. No systematic formation or spacing except that lights appeared fairly close together and formed an overall eliptical shape similar to a football.
6. No discernible details other than their appearance as spots of lights. Best described as large light bulbs.
7. No tail, trail, or exhaust observed.
8. No sound heard.
9. Lights appeared to be at 3/4 to 1 mile in distance from the observer.

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b. **Description of Course of Object(s):**

1. Observer was driving automobile and observed the lights through the windshield of the automobile. He recalls nothing unusual about his first noticing the lights, but only that he became aware of their presence naturally.

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2. Lights appeared to be at a 45-degree angle of elevation from point of the observer. Observer's automobile was traveling almost directly west and lights appeared at a 45-degree angle from the line of travel, or in a north-west position.
3. Lights appeared to be stationary and remained in same relative position until observation ceased.
4. No movement or direction of travel of lights was discernible.
5. Visual contact with lights was broken when observer's automobile entered a heavily wooded area and the tall trees came between lights and the observer.
6. From first notice until lights were obscured by trees the lights were observed for a period of 15-20 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual from observer's automobile which was in motion.
2. No optical aids were used, except that observation was made through glass windshield of automobile.
3. Observation was made from automobile traveling in almost directly West direction at a speed of 55-60 MPH.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Time of observation: 2245 Zulu, 22 October 1960.
   Local daylight Central time: 1745 hours, 22 October 1960.
2. Observer described light conditions as being Night.

e. Location of Observer(s):

Observer could not establish his exact location at time of sighting, except that he was approximately half way between Michigan City and Gary, Indiana, traveling toward Gary, Indiana. Observer departed Michigan City, Indiana, at approximately 1700 to 1715 hours, local time and traveled at average speed of 55-60 MPH until time of observation at approximately 1745 hours local time. Travel occurred on Route 20 or 12, but most probably Route 20.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(a) [redacted] age 39, [redacted], Chicago 13, Illinois. Home Phone: [redacted]. Management Consultant on leave from Willmark Service System, 14 E. Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois.

(b) Miss [redacted] occupant of automobile, current employee of Willmark Service System, 14 E. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

1. Observer could not ascertain conditions as to cloud cover, ceiling, or temperature at time of sighting, but described the night as dry and good visibility. He recalled that the sky had been clear during daylight hours.

2. Because of time lapse since reported sighting, no additional weather conditions were determined from official sources by this office.

h. Information received by Special Agent JAMES P. STODDARD III, District Office Nr 24, Chicago, Illinois.

ERNEST J. BOUCHER
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commander

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

[illegible] APR 1960

REPLY TO ATTN OF: 12D 24-0-332

SUBJECT: REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING (Four Miles North of Kankakee, Illinois, 0600, 1 April 1960)

TO: Dir, Spec Inves, Hq USAF, Wash 25, D. C.

1. On 1 April 1960, at 2230 hours, Captain ARNOLD W. SCHUTT, AO-556121, Chanute Air Force Base Airdrome Officer, advised Special Agent DONALD E. BRUER, OSI Duty Agent, of the following:

> [redacted], Bourbonnais, Illinois, called Captain SCHUTT at 2145 hours, 1 April 1960, and reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object at 0600 hours, 1 April, 1960, which he described as a ball, blue in color, with a long trail coming from an easterly direction. He sighted the object about four (4) miles north of Kankakee, Illinois, and took a picture of it. Captain SCHUTT requested [redacted] to send the picture to Chanute Air Force Base Operations.

2. Special Agent BRUER contacted Major GORDON W. CROZIER, Chanute Air Force Base Operations, who after being informed of action required by AFR 200-2, stated that, in the absence of an assigned Intelligence Officer, he would take the information and initiate action required by that regulation.

3. The above is furnished for your information, although it was not received directly from the person sighting the UFO. (Ref. Paragraph 904, OSIB Nr 51)

William Cook
WILLIAM COOK
Lt Colonel, USAF
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 12D 24C-0

13 Dec 1962

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: MATS
ATTN: MATSL
Scott AFB. Ill.

1. Reference Letter, your Headquarters, Subject: Request for Interview of Mrs. [redacted], dated 23 November 1962.

2. In accordance with referenced letter and paragraph 15 of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959, the following information is submitted:

On 26 November 1962, Mr. [redacted], Steeleville, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agent HENRY D. BROOKS, OSI Detachment 1203, Scott AFB, Illinois. [redacted] stated that he has been acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], Box 43, Steeleville, Missouri, for many years and that Mr. [redacted] was an alcoholic until about one year ago, when he was involved in a serious automobile accident and seriously injured. LEA stated that, in his opinion, Mrs. [redacted] mental capability has been impaired, possibly as a result of her husband's excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages; however, to the best of his knowledge, she has not received treatment for any mental or nervous disorder. LEA said he was not aware of any other persons who have sighted or reported Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) and, to his knowledge, such incidents have never become a topic of conversation. As Steeleville has a population of approximately 1200 persons, he felt that if such reports had been made, it would have come to his attention.

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On 26 November 1962, Mr. [redacted], co-owner, Gibson Lumber Company, residing at 601 First Street, Steeleville, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agent BROOKS. [redacted] stated that he has resided next door to Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] for many years. [redacted] advised that approximately one year ago Mrs. [redacted] started reporting to him and his family the sighting of numerous UFO's, described as big green balls, flying at tree-top level and, on numerous occasions, he and his family have left their residence late at night, at Mrs. [redacted]'s insistence, to observe the objects; however, at no time did he or any member of his family observe any objects, although Mrs. [redacted] would point and insist that the objects were present. [redacted] said that Mrs. [redacted] was convinced that something terrible was going to happen to the world, and

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that Mr. [redacted] seemed to agree with her ideas, with an appeasement attitude. PERKINS said it would be his opinion that Mrs. [redacted]'s mental capacity has been reduced in recent years, possibly as a result of her husband's condition, and her sighting of UFO's to be a figment of her imagination.

3. In view of the above information, Mrs. [redacted] was not interviewed relative to her claimed sighting of UFO's.

for Edward J. Ledard Lt col

FRANK P. DENNINGTON, JR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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Dir OSI (AFISI-6C)(w/2 atchs)
1. Cy of ltr fr Hq, Foreign
   Tech Div, W-P AFB, Ohio,
   23 Oct 62
2. Cy of Req for Interview of
   Mrs. [redacted] 23 Nov 62

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

TD-E/Col Wynn

23 October 1962

UFO Sighting, Steelville, Missouri

MATS
Scott AFB Ill

1. Mrs. [redacted] of Steelville, Missouri, has written to the President of the United States reporting the occurrence of numerous unidentified flying objects in the vicinity of her home. Mrs. [redacted] reports that these objects appear as big green balls at tree-top level and on occasion appear to land in the woods. The witness reports that her television and radio have more static than normal when the UFO's are in the area. It was reported that there were others in the area who have witnessed the objects.

2. It is suggested that you investigate this UFO sighting in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3b of A.F.R. 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects, dated 20 July 1962. Though the witness's description of the objects is limited, it appears to us that misidentification of ball lightning was the cause of this sighting. This information is provided as possible assistance to you during your investigation.

3. The complete address of the witness is as follows:

Mrs. [redacted]
[redacted]
Steelville, Missouri

FOR THE COMMANDER

EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

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Request for Interview of Mrs. [redacted] 23 Nov 62

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Chanute AFB Ill

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2. It is not economically feasible to dispatch an investigator from Headquarters MATS to Steelville, Missouri and it is requested that on one of your forthcoming visits to that area that Mrs. [redacted] be interviewed and information required by paragraph 15, AFR 200-2 be solicited.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JOHN F. AUSTIN, Lt Col, USAF
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SUBJECT
Transmittal of Correspondence

FROM:
AFISIIA

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ITEMS CHECKED ARE APPLICABLE TO ABOVE SUBJECT

☐ INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN INITIATED AND REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
☐ ATTACHED IS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION. THIS MATTER IS ☐ PENDING ☐ CLOSED.
☐ REQUEST REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN. *(AFR 124-4)*
☐ IF THIS IS PROCESSED UNDER AFR ; REQUEST COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH
☐ REPORT OF PRIOR INVESTIGATION/SUMMARY ATTACHED.
☐ NOTE RESTRICTIVE LEGENDS ON FRONT OF THE ATTACHMENT(S).
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OTHER/REMARKS

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1. The attached letter from Mrs [redacted], Kahoka, Missouri, dated 10 October 1964, referred to OSI by the FBI, is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2.

2. The letter writer has not come to our attention previously.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Date October 14, 1964

The enclosed is referred to your office for such action as may be necessary.

The writer has been notified of this reference.

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Remarks:
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Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Enc.

Kahoka, Missouri
October 10, 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On the night of October 7, at 9 p.m. CST, I walked out on my porch facing the east, and happened to glance up at what I thought was the moon, which was east and slightly northeast. I blinked and glanced again, then opened the screen door, looked, took off my glasses, and still the thing I saw persisted. It looked like an electric light pole (reflecting light) reaching from the earth to the moon. For fear I was imagining things, I ran to the neighbor, and a teen-ager came out to look, and she was just as amazed as I was. At 9:30 p.m. I went to look again, and it was gone, no moon, and the sky was black as ink.

The next day I went to our newspaper office, the Gazette-Herald, and the girl said, folks calling in had flooded the switchboard, and all of their employees had been remarking about it. One man in town said some surveyors working east of Kahoka were doing that, another said it was from a barge on the river. Now I think I did not see the moon, that it was the reflection centered up in the clouds, as I saw bear shaped clouds floating around the centered light up there, and once the cloud looked funnel-shaped.

It seems as though there should be some logical explanation, but if there are beams powerful enough to cast a beam to the clouds, could they be harmful to our eyesight? If there is no reason for such a performance, it should be stopped. I may be bothering you for nothing, but I would like an explanation. People in general are talking about it, but if anyone is trying to find out about it, I am not aware of it. I hope I have not bothered you for nothing, but in these kind of times, we cannot be sure of anything of a worldly nature.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) [redacted]

Kahoka, Mo. # 63445

P.S. Perhaps a year or two ago I saw in the paper where a quantity of Lasar Ray guns were perfected in this country: that they dangerous in that they could blind at quite a distance if pointed at anyone. I hope these will be stored and guarded like the atomic bomb, as they could be catastrophic in the wrong hands.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-185-[illegible]

DATE [illegible]

REPORT MADE BY STANLEY [illegible], S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO#13, Offutt AFB

PERIOD 5, 7 October 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13, Offutt AFB

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TITLE

SIGHTING OF FLYING SAUCER ON
29 SEPTEMBER 1949 AT HUMBOLDT,
NEBRASKA, BY MR.[redacted]

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY, UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None, this is initial report.

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

SYNOPSIS

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On 29 September 1949 at about 0605, Mr[redacted]umboldt, Nebraska, saw an unverified object, size, height, speed, composition and propulsion unknown. It was oval shaped and apparently composed of luminous rings of some translucent material, moving southward in the sky near Humboldt, Nebraska. [redacted]t observed the phenomena when it was directly overhead and continued the observation until it faded from view. Object was first observed at 0605 and faded from view at 0620. Mrs[redacted]ife of [redacted] verified sighting of object. Prevailing ground wind at the time was from south to north.

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DETAILS:

1. This inquiry was based on a radio broadcast alleging that Mr. [redacted], of Humboldt, Nebraska, had sighted an object thought to be a "flying saucer" at 0605 hours, 29 September 1949.

AT HUMBOLDT, NEBRASKA

2. Attached hereto as Inclosure 1 is check sheet of information obtained.

INCLOSURES

FOR CG, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

1. Observation Check Sheet.
2. Sketch of witness's location during sighting.
3. Sketch of object.
4. Sketch of position of object in relation to observer.
5. Statement of [redacted]

FOR HQ, OSI

1. Observation Check Sheet.

FOR CG, OFFUTT AFB

1. Observation Check Sheet.

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29 September 1949

0605 CST

Observer was standing in a field.

Not applicable

Not applicable

[illegible] (if any) [illegible] One.

[illegible] celestial phenomena or planets that [illegible] sighting. (Local facilities or organizations [illegible] celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information.) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Humboldt, Nebraska, 29 Sep 49.

Distance of object from observer:

a. [illegible] Horizontal [illegible] Object was almost directly over observer's head.

b. [illegible] of elevation from horizon Object proceeded due south and disappeared from view when at an angle of approximately 45°.

c. [illegible] Could not be determined.

[illegible] 15 minutes. From 0605 to 0620 CST.

[illegible]

a. [illegible] Luminous white.

b. [illegible] See Inclosure 3.

c. [illegible] see below

d. [illegible] Observer could not accurately estimate size. When first seen, he thought it to be about 40 acres in area.

[illegible] South.

[illegible] Object traveled in a straight line and did not deviate from this line.

8 c. Composed of luminous rings with the center being solid. The outer rings and the solid center seemed to glow more brightly than the irregular rings making up the space between the center and outer ring. Spaces between the rings appeared to be the same color as the sky background, or else there was a space between the center of the object and the rings thru which the sky was visible. [redacted]

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. [illegible] There was no evidence of exhaust.

a. [illegible] Not applicable

b. Length and width " "

c. Odor (if any) " "

d. Rate of dissipation " "

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) Not applicable

12. Effect on clouds:

a. Opened path thru clouds There were no clouds in the sky.

b. Forced cloud or mists Not applicable

c. Reflected on cloud " "

d. Showed thru cloud " "

13. Lights: **No lights were observed on object other than its continuous luminous appearance described in 8 a.**

a. Reflected or attached Not applicable

b. Luminous " "

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed Not applicable

14. Support: No evidence of support was visible.

a. Wings Not applicable

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage Not applicable

c. Vertical jet Not applicable

d. Rotating cylinder or cone Not applicable

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) Not applicable

15. Propulsion: No means of propulsion was observed.

a. Propeller or jet Not applicable

b. Rotor Not applicable

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) Not applicable
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings No evidence of exhaust.

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[illegible] - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

[illegible] No control surfaces or stabilizers were visible on the object.

[illegible] Not applicable

7. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None.

[illegible] None.

a. [illegible] Not applicable

b. [illegible] " "

18. Speed - M.P.H. Observer could make no estimate as to speed.

19. Sound: Object created no sound.

a. Continuous whine or buzz Not applicable

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh " "

c. Intermittent " "

20. Manner of disappearance: Object faded from view.

a. Explode Not applicable

b. Faded from view Yes.

c. Disappeared behind obstacle Not applicable

Relating to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address Humboldt, Nebraska

3. Occupation Farmer

4. Place of business Farm, 4 miles southwest of Humboldt, Nebraska

5. Pertinent hobbies Amateur radio operator.

6. Ability to determine Observer appeared to be intelligent and imbued with good common sense.

7. Reliability of observer [redacted] regarded as honest, intelligent, hard-working; has no criminal record and enjoys a splendid reputation in the community.

8. Notes relative to observer on. Observer stated that he retired about 2000 28 Sep 49, slept normally and was feeling normal on the morning of 29 Sep. He had
a. Sightings in general not and does not use any habit-forming drugs, alcohol or tobacco. He had not experienced any undue emotional or physical (Cont. below)
b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Attention was first drawn to object when observer was making his usual morning weather observation.

8 a. strain or experience [redacted] week preceding 29 September.

[redacted]

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Not applicable

rs. [redacted]

Humboldt, Nebraska Humboldt, Nebraska

Housewife Farmer

More than average intelligence; character beyond reproach. Could not be contacted for interrogation.

[illegible] regarding the intelligence and character of [illegible] BOTH [redacted] and his wife seemed to be people of more than average intelligmce and of character beyond reproach. Both appeared to be mature, responsible and hard-working; regarded as honest and reliabl[redacted]was born 24 Nov 1924. This incident is his first observation of celestial phenomena.

[illegible] Not applicable.

[illegible] operating on ground:

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

Not applicable

b. [illegible] target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and [illegible] radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did [illegible] in the [illegible] and what was its speed?

Not applicable

c. [illegible] any separation of distant target into several [illegible] approach. [illegible] possible

Not applicable

d. [illegible] object sighted:

e. [illegible] radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits?

Not applicable

f. [illegible] of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

Not applicable

[illegible] The nearest weather reporting station, located at Offutt AFB, approx. 60 miles from Humboldt, Nebraska, reported the weather and the morning of 29 Sep 49, [illegible] of local weather conditionsas a clear sky with sunrise at 0618 CST with a surface wind of 10 miles per hour at 340°.

[illegible] (On the 0900 weather report from Offutt AFB for 29 Sep 49)-- 18 knots, 315°, 10,000'; 25 knots, 360°, 20,000'; 30 knots, 360°, 25,000'; 35 knots, 360°, 30,000'.

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

[illegible] schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to the border) No local flight schedules were operating in that area.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other No evidence of release of testing devices sent aloft in the area of observation.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils Not applicable

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. Not applicable

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. See Inclosure 3.

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. See Inclosure 2.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). Not applicable

   d. Maneuvers. Not applicable

   e. Formation if more than one object. Not applicable (only one object)

8. Secure signed statement, if possible. See Inclosure 5.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. Not applicable

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extentions that might presumably be construed as such).

No projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as radio antenna were observed.

Special Agent, OSI

(See AFOSI Letter No. 85, 12Aug49)

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Humboldt, Nebr
Oct 5, 1949

On the morning of 29, September at 0605 I saw this object in the sky almost directly above me --- going south. It seemed disk shaped. It took almost 40 minutes to get across the skie If I could have timed it from start until it went out of site--It was high as it seemed to disappear before. It went below the horizon. It seemed to be a glowing color similar to a Flourecent blub-- It seemed the center was brighter and the outside and several rings stood out.

/s/ [redacted]

A TRUE COPY

SAMUEL H. JACKSON
Captain, USAF
Operations Officer

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United States Air Force The Inspector General Office of Special Investigations REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	File No. 24-57 10 November 1949
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	Period 11, 12, 17 October 1949
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Character
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

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Reference
None, this is an initial report

Synopsis

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District. On 26 July 1949, [redacted] witness saw an unidentified spinning object approximately four miles away at an altitude of 5,000 to 7,000 feet maintaining a straight course towards the southwest. Object was traveling at an estimated 400 - 500 MPH. The object emitted a bright light which closer inspection revealed to be the sun shining off the upper surfaces of the object which looked like an upside down saucer about 25 feet in diameter and three or four feet thick. The object was in view about three minutes and finally disappeared behind a line of hills. The weather was clear with light scattered clouds at 10,000 - 15,000 feet in the southwest, with a visibility of 40 miles.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 27 July 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosures #1, #2 and #3.

3 Inclosures:
(1) Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
(2) Sketch of object
(3) Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry."

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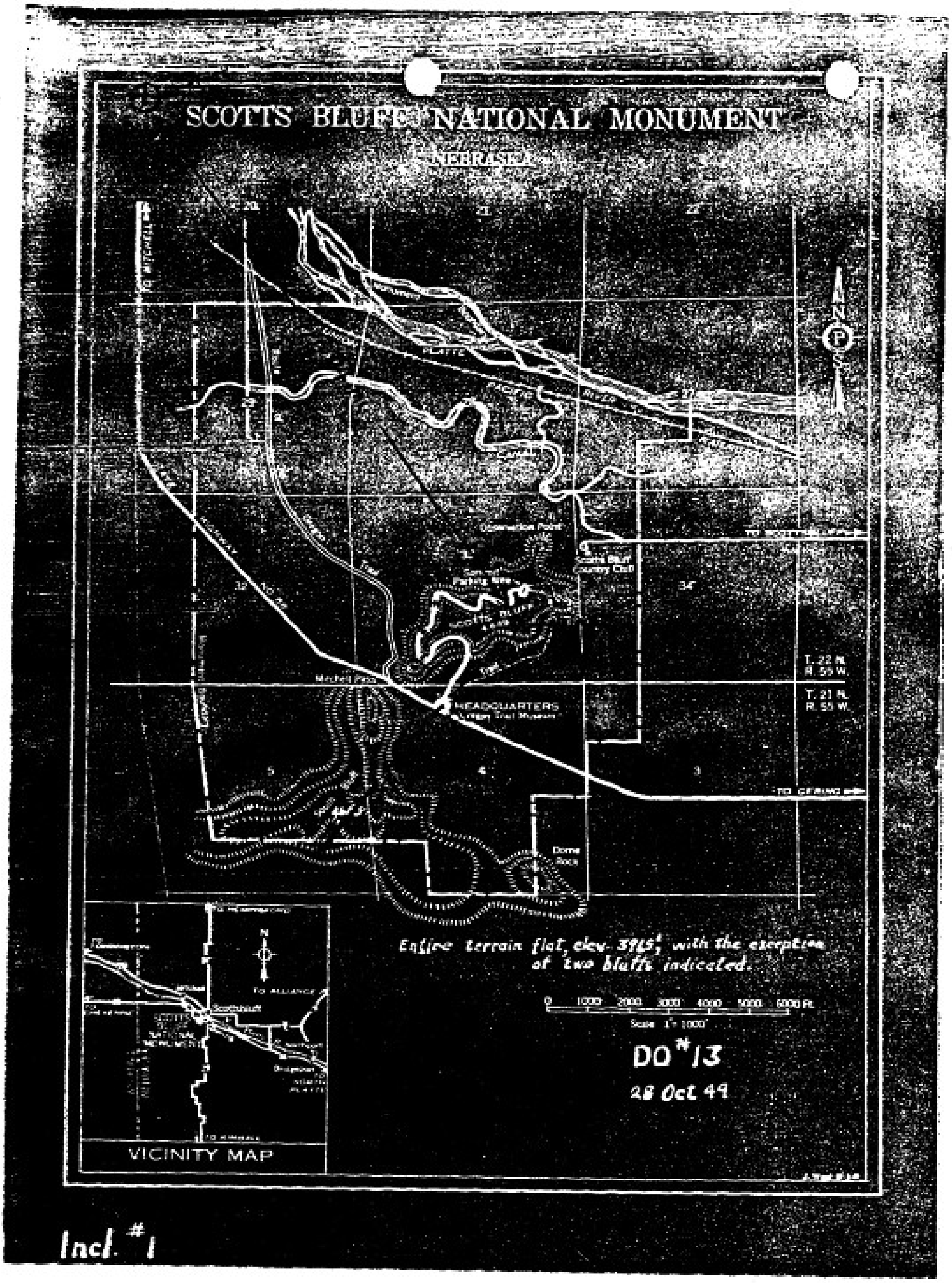

SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT
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Scottsbluff
SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT
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Entire terrain flat, elev. 3965± with the exception of two bluffs indicated.

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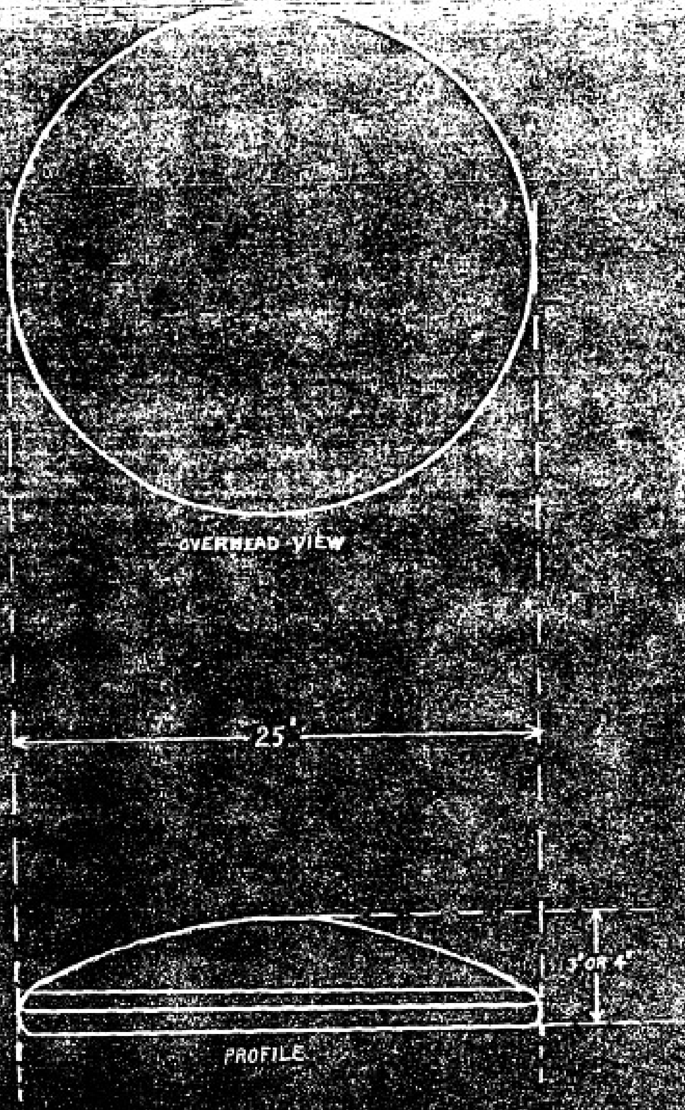
Incl. #1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Incl #2

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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 26 July 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1610 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

   (a). Ground Driving south on edge of Mitchell, Nebraska

   (b). Air N/A

   (c). Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible

   One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska on 26 July 1949

6. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Laterally or Horizontally Appeared approximately 4 miles in the south

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon 30°

   c. Altitude 5,000 to 7,000 feet

7. Time in sight 3 minutes

8. Appearance of object:

   a. Color Metallic silver with high reflective qualities

   b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Looked like upside down saucer (See Inc #2)

   c. Apparent construction (of what material or substance) Aluminum

   d. Size 25' diameter

9. Direction of flight Toward southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) Appeared to maintain level flight with exception of slight dipping motion from side to side. Appeared to be whirling.

Inc #3

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CHECK SHEET - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted

a. Color smoke N/A

b. Length and width N/A

c. Odor (if any) N/A

d. Rate of evaporation N/A

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) N/A

12. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sky

a. Opened path thru clouds N/A

b. Forced cloud or mists N/A

c. Reflected on cloud N/A

d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: None noted

a. Reflected or attached N/A

b. Luminous N/A

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed N/A

14. Support: None noted

a. Wings N/A

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage N/A

c. Vertical jet N/A

d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible N/A

15. Propulsion:

a. Propeller or jet None Noted

b. Rotor Whirling motion of object gave impression of rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) None noted
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None Noted

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:

a. Fins Object appeared to maintain straight course and more or less level flight.

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None noted

17. Air ducts:

a. Slots None noted

b. Duct openings None noted

18. Speed - M.P.H. 400 - 500 MPH

19. Sound:

a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A

c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode N/A

b. Faded from view N/A

c. Disappeared behind obstacle disappeared from view behind a line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer Dr. [redacted]

2. Address Mitchell, Nebraska

3. Occupation Physician and surgeon

4. Place of business Mitchell, Nebraska

5. Pertinent hobbies None

6. Ability to determine Average

7. Reliability of observer Excellent

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Was driving south on outer edge of town. Attention was drawn by a bright light flashing in his eyes. Closer examination revealed object which appeared to be whirling and dipping slightly from side to side. Closer examination revealed light to be reflection of sun from upper surfaces of disk which appeared to be very shiny.

c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. Witnesses: [redacted]

a. Addresses Mitchell, Nebraska

b. Occupation Student, age 10

c. Reliability Unknown

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated: Observer appeared to be of better than average intelligence, character and integrity.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

N/A

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions temperature 86° F 1300-1700 hours, visibility 40 miles, light scattered clouds in southwest at 10,000 to 15,000 feet, surface wind NE 6 MPH.

2. Winds aloft report No report available

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) No local flight schedules were operating in that area.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations, or any other A check with Rapid City AFB failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression on spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils. N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where availalbe. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. All surrounding terrain is low rolling ground with exception of one small group of hills rising abruptly [illegible] feet above ground South of Mitchell.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).

   d. Maneuvers.

   f. Formation if more than one object.

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.) None Noted

WILLIAM R. COSTING
Special Agent, OSI

(See AFOSI Letter No. 35, 12Aug49)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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24-38

14 November 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE - Incident at Lake of the Woods, Ontario, Canada, 1 July 1949

SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, DO #5, subject as above, dated 6 October 1949, copy of which was furnished your Headquarters by that office.

2. In view of comments contained in afore-referenced letter, it is believed all logical leads in this case have been developed and reported. No further action is contemplated by this office, unless so directed by your headquarters.

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for Earl E. Sparks Capt U.S.A.F.
MATTHEW THOMPSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No.
24-48 10 November 1949

Report Made by
WILLIAM R. OOSTING

Report Made at
DO #13, Offutt AFB

Period
11 October 1949

Office of Origin
DO #13, Offutt AFB

Status
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Title
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Character
Special Inquiry - Unconventional Aircraft

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Reference
None, this is an initial report

Synopsis

Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13. On 14 September 1949, Mr. [redacted] observed a shiny object in the northeast about twenty miles away. The object was about 25 feet overall and consisted of an eight foot disk supported by an eight foot wing-like structure on opposite sides which apparently provided propulsion. The object moved directly overhead maintaining a straight course at an altitude of 8,000 to 10,000 feet and a speed of 400-500 MPH. Object was sighted in conjunction with a four-engine bomber which was later identified as flying on a different course at a much lower altitude. The object was in view 60 to 90 seconds and finally disappeared behind a line of hills in the southwest. The weather was clear with thin scattered clouds at 20,000 feet with a visibility of 25 miles.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 15 September 1949, and advisement of Radio Station WOW News Department, Omaha, Nebraska, on 15 September 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding phenomena sighted are set forth in attached Inclosures #1, #2, and #3.

INCLOSURES:

1. Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
2. Detailed sketch of object.
3. Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry)

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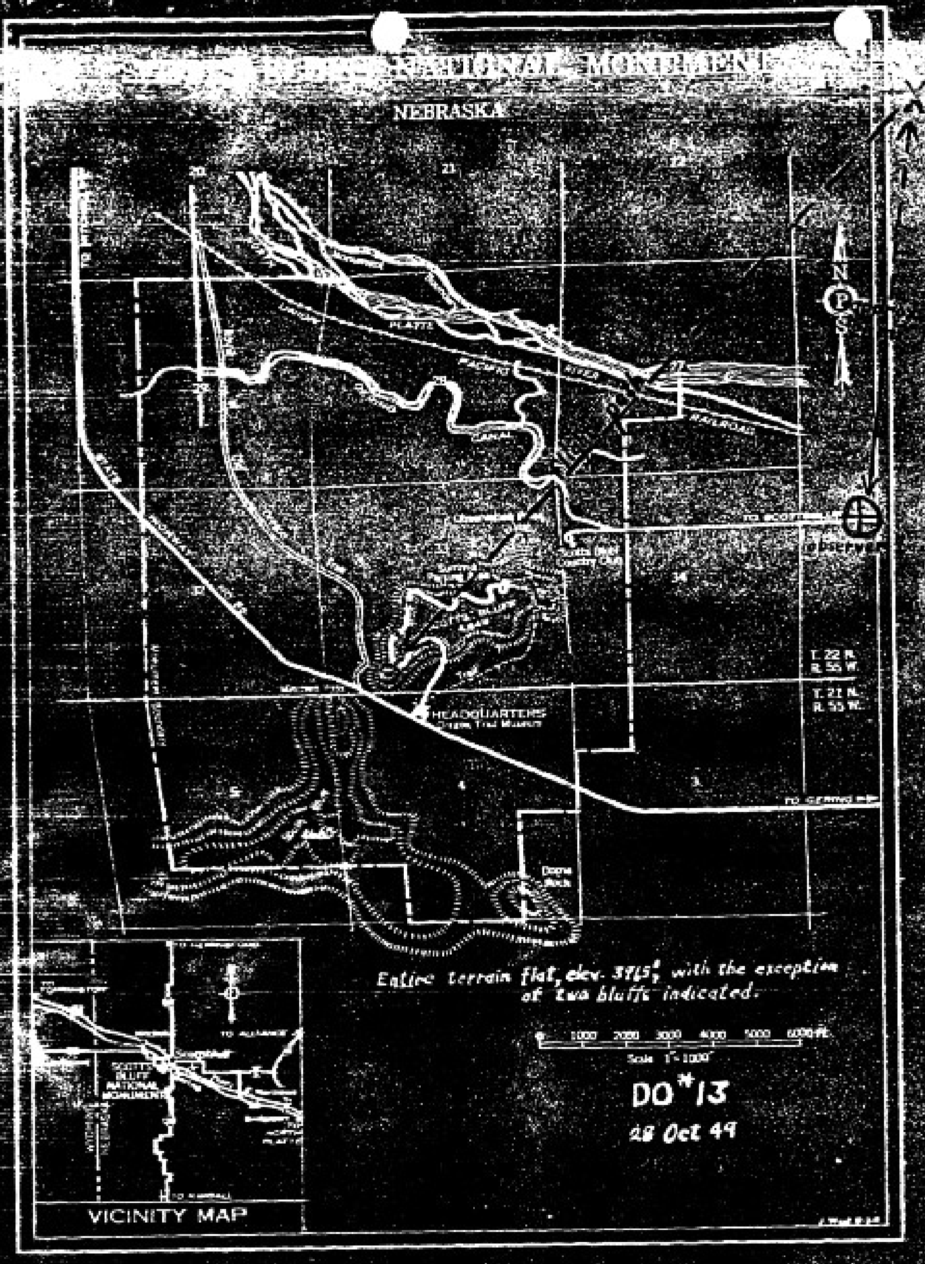
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VICINITY MAP

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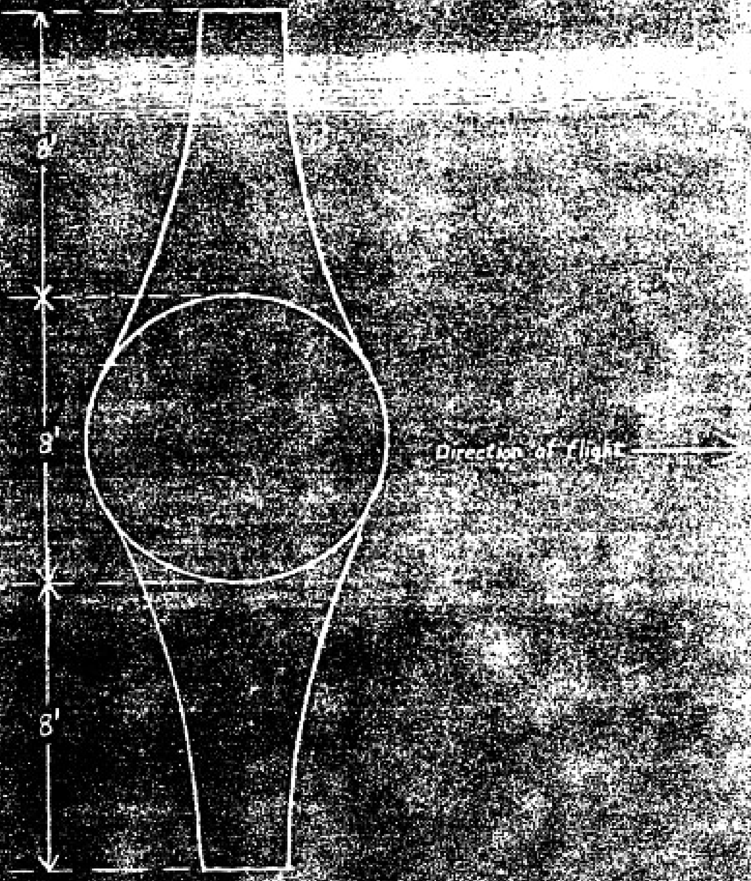
Incl. #1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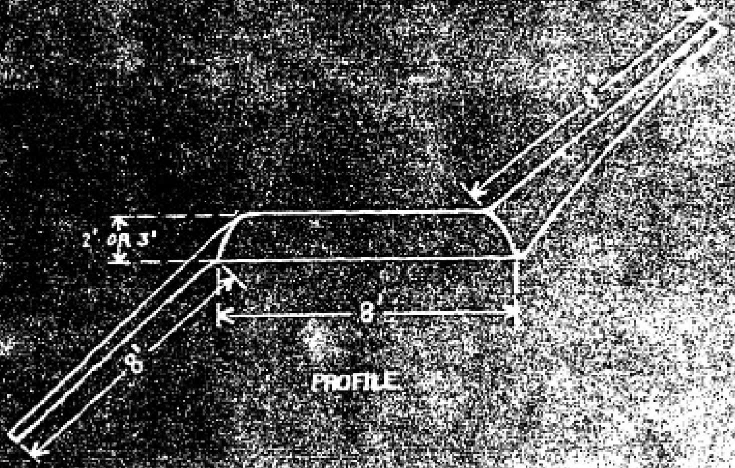
OVERHEAD VIEW



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Incl #2

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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 14 September 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1630 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

   a. Ground Standing in backyard of residence on edge of Scottsbluff, Nebraska.
   b. Air N/A

   c. Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 14 September 1949.

6. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Laterally or Horizontally First sighted coming out of a cloud on horizon in northeast approximately 20 miles away.

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon Object proceeded due southwest and disappeared behind hills.
   C. Altitude Estimated 8,000 - 10,000 feet

7. Time in sight 60 - 90 seconds.

8. Appearance of object:

   a. Color Aluminum with high reflective qualities

   b. Shape (Sketch if possible) See Inclosure #2

   c. Apparent construction (of what material or substance) Aluminum

   d. Size Approximately 25' diameter with each wing and center portion comprising equal parts.

9. Direction of flight: Northeast to southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Assumed level flight - center section stable with wings alternately oscillating at 30° to 45° angle. As wing would oscillate, the saucer section would appear to dip slightly toward the ground on opposite side of moving wing.

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Inc #3

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CHECK SHEET - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted.

a. Color of smoke

b. Length and width

c. Odor (if any)

d. Rate of evaporation

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

12. Effect on clouds:

a. Opened path thru clouds Only one sizeable cloud in sky in northeast - object appeared to fly out of it.

b. Forced cloud or mists N/A

c. Reflected on cloud N/A

d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: None Noted

a. Reflected or attached

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

14. Support:

a. Wings See sketch (Inclosure #2) approximately 8" in length

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) N/A

15. Propulsion:

a. Propeller or jet N/A

b. Rotor N/A

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) Oscillation of wings
(Katz Mayer effect) appeared to provide propulsion

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None Noted

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:
    a. Fins
    b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None Noted

17. Air ducts: None noted

    a. Slots N/A
    b. Duct openings N/A

18. Speed - M.P.H. Estimated 400-500 M.P.H.

19. Sound: None Noted
    a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A
    b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A
    c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

    a. Explode N/A
    b. Faded from view N/A
    c. Disappeared behind obstacle Object was in view of observer until it disappeared behind a line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted] Scottsbluff, Nebraska

3. Occupation Retired General Contractor

4. Place of Business Residence

5. Pertinent hobbies

6. Ability to determine Slightly better than average. Had worked at Scottsbluff AFB for number of years and appears to be familiar with and interested in various types of aircraft. Demonstrated proficiency at aircraft identification.

7. Reliability of observer Regarded in community as honest and intelligent and of highest character and integrity.

8. Notes relative to observer on:
    a. Sightings in general

    b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Heard 4 engined bomber in north-east and while looking for it, noticed object come out of cloud, followed by the bomber at a much lower altitude.

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c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. Witnesses: None
   a. Addresses
   b. Occupation
   c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated Appeared to be of average intelligence and character and better than average integrity and ability to determine

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? N/A

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions 1500 hours - 1700 hours, visibility 25 miles, thin scattered clouds at 20,000 feet; surface wind ENE 4, Temperature 70°F, dew point, 38° F.

2. Winds aloft report Not available, however CAA Weather Station made an estimate that winds aloft that day were normal westerly prevailing winds.

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) No local flight schedules were operating in that area.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other. A check with Rapid City AFB failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. (Inclosure #2)

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. (Inclosure #1)*

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). N/A

   d. Maneuvers. (N/A)

   e. Formation if more than one object. N/A

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. N/A

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.) None.

(*7b, cont) All surrounding terrain is low rolling country with an exception of one group of hills 4 miles southwest of Scottsbluff, which rises abruptly approximately 600 feet above average level of ground.

WILLIAM R. OOSTING
Special Agent, OSI

(See AFOSI Letter No. 85, 12 Aug49)

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United States Air Force
The Inspector General
Office of Special Investigations
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No.
24-56
15 November 1949

Report Made by
WILLIAM R. OOSTING

Report Made at
DO #13, Offutt AFB

Period
13, 14 October 1949

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Title
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Character
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

Reference
None, this is an initial report

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Synopsis

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District. On 15 September 1949, [redacted] and two witnesses saw an unidentified object moving over Scottsbluff Monument, approximately six miles away. Object appeared to be spinning and wavering slightly from side to side, emitting a bright light, which was apparently the sun shining off the sides of the object. The object appeared to have about the same average dimensions as an automobile tire and wheel, was at an altitude of approximately 2500 feet, was in sight about two minutes, and finally disappeared from view over the Monument. The weather was clear with a visibility of 50 miles.

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District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a news clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 19 September 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included in attached Inclosures #1, #2, and #3.

3 INCLOSURES:

(1) Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
(2) Sketch of object.
(3) Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry."

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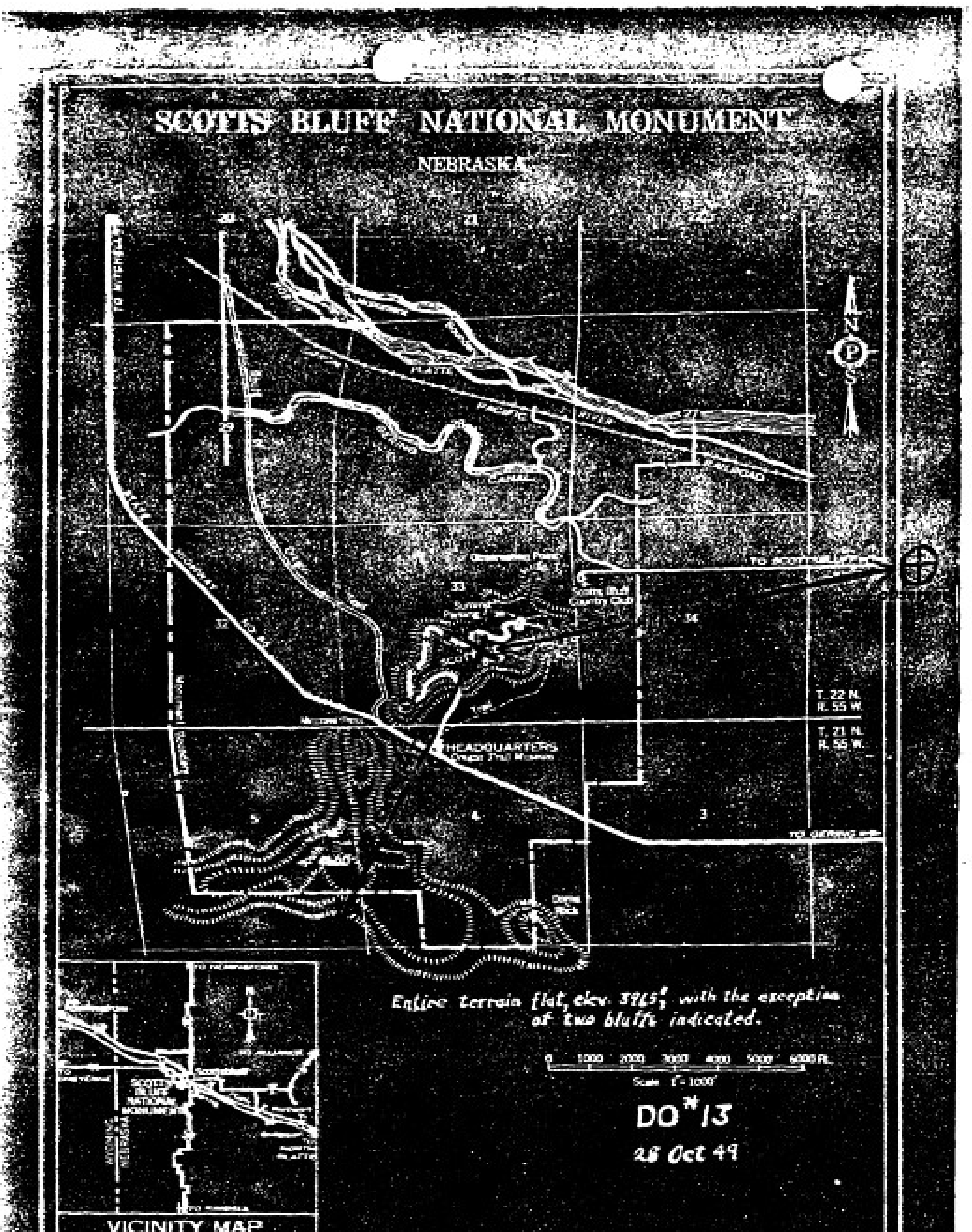

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VICINITY MAP
SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT
WYOMING
NEBRASKA

Entire terrain flat, elev. 3965', with the exception of two bluffs indicated.

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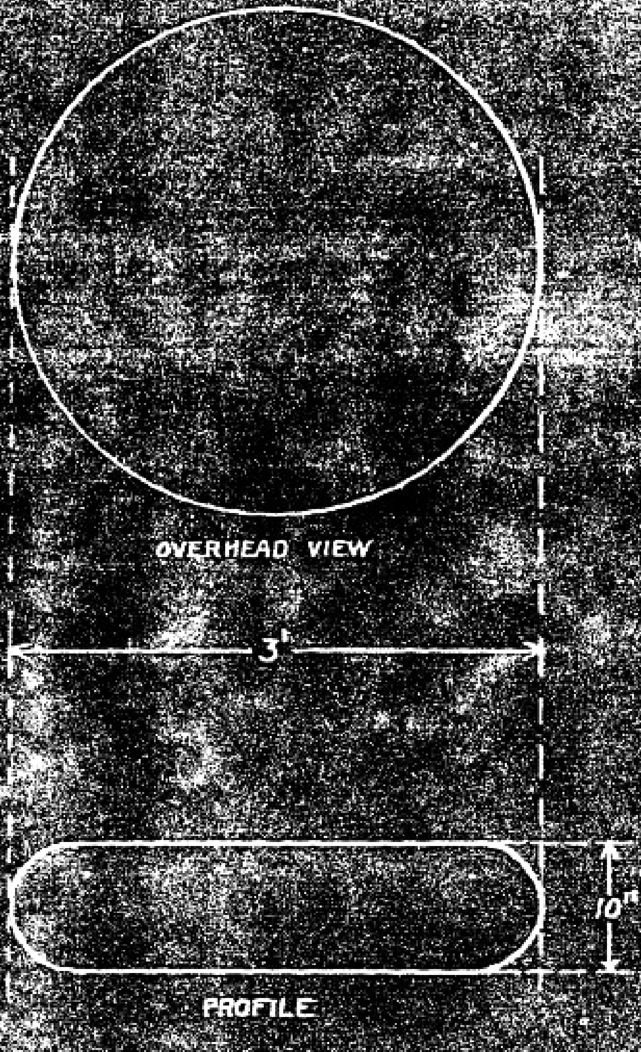
Incl. #1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PROFILE

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24-56
28 Oct 49

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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 15 September 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1530 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position): Was driving west on U. S. Highway 26, two miles east of Scottsbluff.

   a. Ground

   b. Air N/A

   c. Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation time (if any), sketch if possible One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska on 15 September 1949.

6. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Laterally or Horizontally Appeared six miles due west

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon approximately 25°.

   c. Altitude Appeared to be ½ mile above Scottsbluff Monument six miles away.

7. Time in sight Two minutes

8. Appearance of object:

   a. Color Silver

   b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Appeared flat and perfectly round. See Inclosure #2.

   c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance)

   d. Size Unknown observer indicated that object appeared to be about same dimensions as average automobile tire and wheel.

9. Direction of flight From Monument to southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc) Engaged in horizontal flight - appeared to be spinning and dipping slightly from side to side.

Incl #3

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted

a. Color of smoke N/A

b. Length and width N/A

c. Odor (if any) N/A

d. Rate of evaporation N/A

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) N/A

12. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sky

a. Opened path thru clouds N/A

b. Forced cloud or mists N/A

c. Reflected on cloud N/A

d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: None noted

a. Reflected or attached N/A

b. Luminous N/A

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed N/A

14. Support:

a. Wings None noted

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage N/A

c. Vertical jet None noted

d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) N/A

15. Propulsion: Unknown

a. Propeller or jet None noted

b. Rotor Unknown

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) none noted
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None noted

[redacted]

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:

a. Fins Object appeared to maintain straight course

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None noted

17. Air ducts; None noted

a. Slots N/A
b. Duct openings N/A

18. Speed - M.P.H. Observer could make no estimate as object was in front of him and going away from him

19. Sound: None noted

a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A
b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A
c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode
b. Faded from view
c. Disappeared behind obstacle Disappeared behind line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer:

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted], Nebraska

3. Occupation Carpenter

4. Place of business [redacted] Gering, Nebraska

5. Pertinent hobbies None

6. Ability to determine Average

7. Reliability of observer Subsequent investigation revealed it to be excellent.

8. Notes relative to observer on:
a. Sightings in general
b. How attention was drawn to object(s) While driving towards Scottsbluff, noted bright light flashing over Scottsbluff Monument, Closer observation revealed object which looked to be about the size of an automobile wheel and which was dipping slightly from side to side as it traveled through the sky. The sun reflected off the side of the object as it dipped. Object seemed to have approximate reflective power of a large glass mirror or piece of chromium.

c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. Witnesses: [redacted]

a. Address [redacted] Gering, Nebraska

b. Occupation Carpenter

c. Reliability Revealed to be excellent

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. Of average intelligence and character but believed to be of excellent integrity.

Relative to Radar Sightings:

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

a. Where there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? N/A

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions 1300 - 1700 hours. Clear, visibility 50 miles; temperature, 79°F, dew point 38°F.

2. Winds aloft report None Available

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border No local flight schedules were operation in that area.

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other A check with Rapid City AFB failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils. N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. All surrounding terrain is flat rolling country with exception of Scottsbluff Monument four miles SW of Scottsbluff, which rises abruptly to about 600 feet above average level of ground.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).

   d. Maneuvers.

   e. Formation, if more than one object.

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.)

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(See AFOSI Letter No. 85, 12 Aug 49)

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FILE NO.	24-64
DATE	28 November 1949
REPORT MADE BY	HAROLD G. HODGES
REPORT MADE AT	DO #13, Offutt AFB
PERIOD	28 October, 1 November 1949
OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DO #13, Offutt AFB
STATUS	CLOSED

TITLE

Sighting of Flying Disc on 12 October 1949 near Downs, Kans[redacted]

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander, 13th OSI District, predicated upon newspaper clipping captioned "Flying Discs Are Claimed Sighted in Downs Vicinity." Mr. [redacted] stated that on 12 October 1949, he saw an object which he believed to be a flying disc. [redacted] said that in the vicinity of this object was a B-29. [redacted] id the disc maneuvered to avoid a collision course with the B-29. Mr. [redacted] o observed the disc and described it in substance the same as VERHAGE. Weather sequences were obtained from Smoky Hill AFB Weather Station and Russell, Kansas, Weather Station. Two Reserve Officers sai[redacted] an active Reserve Officer, quiet, and a loyal American. Base Operations at Smoky Hill AFB disclosed that no aircraft from Smoky Hill AFB were in the vicinity of the sighting of the disc.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by Lt Colonel MATTHEW THOMPSON, District Commander, 13th District OSI, predicated upon information obtained from a newspaper clipping captioned "Flying Discs Are Claimed Sighted in Downs Vicinity," which was obtained from the Salina, Kansas, Journal of 24 October 1949, by the writer. Copies of this clipping are appended to this report as Inclosure #1.

AT DOWNS, KANSAS

2. Mr. [redacted] iewed by the writer at [redacted] Downs, Kansas, regarding their sighting of an unconventional type aircraft and the results are set forth in attached check sheet, designated as Inclosure #5.

AT SALINA, KANSAS

3. Lt Colonel ORVAL J. ABEL, O-322786, Officer in Charge, Salina, Kansas, Area Ground Force Reserve, and Captain HERBERT M. CHITTENDEN, O-340826, Assistant Officer in Charge, Salina, Kansas, Area Ground Force Reserve, were interviewed and stated they had known [redacted] one year and one and one-half years respectively, and had found him to be very active in Organized Reserve work, quiet, reliable, of high morals, well-thought of in his community and a loyal American. Both stated [redacted] s presently assigned to an active unit of the Organized Reserve as [redacted] Lieutenant, and that he is very good at aircraft recognition tests.

4. Records of Base Operations, Smoky Hill AFB, Salina, Kansas, disclosed none of the aircraft stationed at this base, nor any transit aircraft departing from this base on 12 October 1949, were headed for a west or northwestern point of designation.

5 INCLOSURES:

(1) Copy of clipping from Salina, Kansas, Journal, 24 October 1949
(2) Sketch of Flying Disc as it first appeared to Mr. [redacted]
(3) Sketch of Flying Disc in its final appearance to Mr [redacted]
(4) Sketch of maneuvers of Flying Disc as observed by Mr [redacted]
(5) Check Sheet - "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inq [redacted]

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CLIPPING TAKEN FROM SALINA, KANSAS, JOURNAL
DATED 24 OCTOBER 1949

FLYING DISCS ARE CLAIMED SIGHTED IN DOWNS VICINITY

DOWNS - Two Downs men, [redacted] and R[redacted] have joined the ranks of those who claim to have seen flying discs.

The [redacted] were working in a field at the [redacted] farm when they heard a B-29 pass overhead. The big bomber was heading almost due west at a height [redacted] and Latham estimate at 6000 to 7000 feet.

They say that as they watched the plane a huge bright disc suddenly appeared, sailing from southwest to northwest and directly in the path of the plane but about 500 feet below it.

[redacted] and [redacted] say the speed of the shining disc was terrific. They think it was 15 to 20 feet in circumference and resembled, as much as anything else, a huge piece of bright aluminum.

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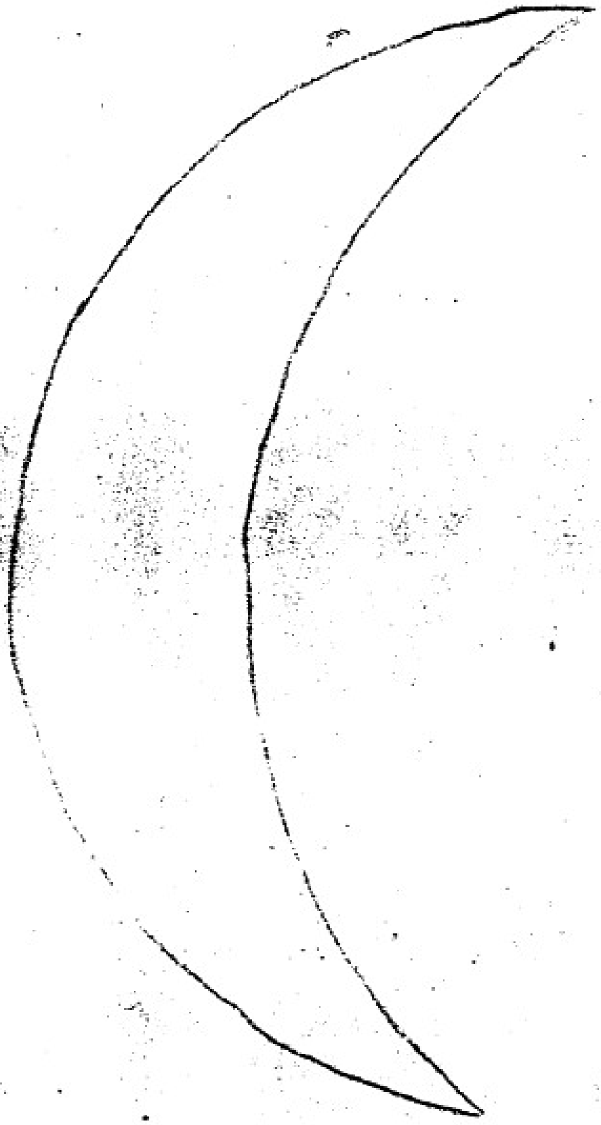

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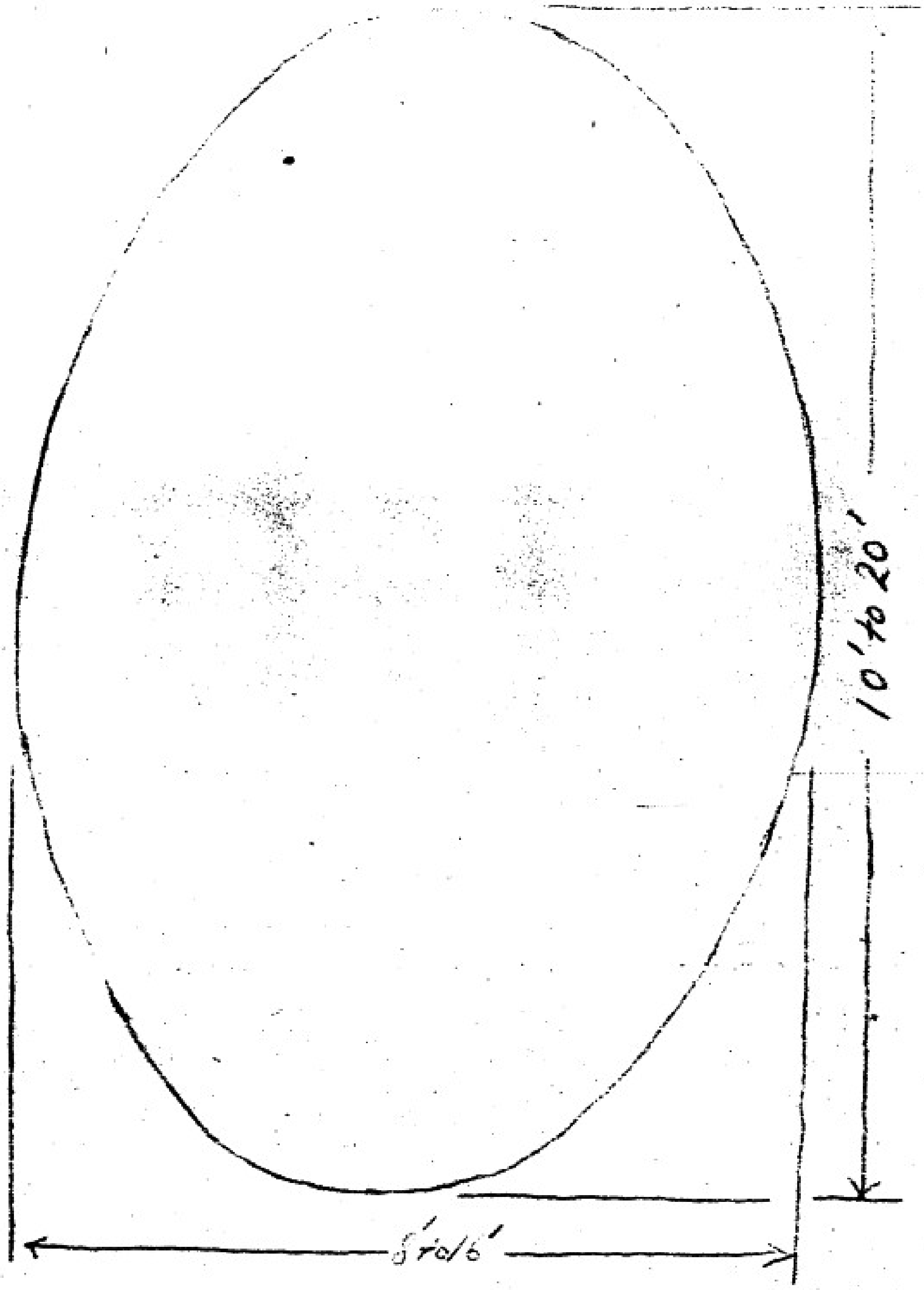
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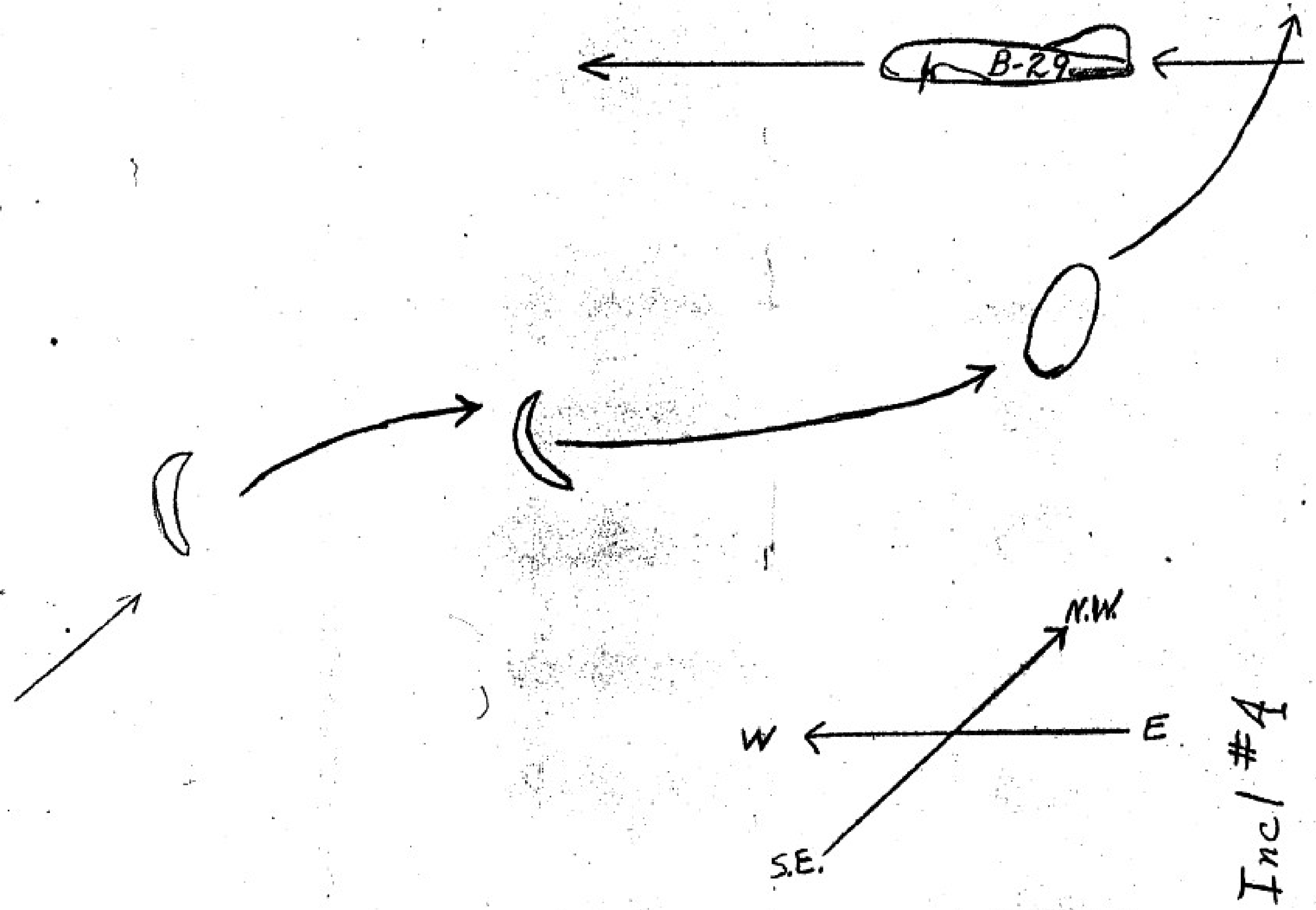

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1. Date of sighting 12 October 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal or 24 hr. clock) 1445 Hours CST

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

a. Ground Southwest quarter, Section #25, Township 6-11 Near Downs, Kansas

b. Air

c. Water

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any). Sketch if possible.

1 each unconventional aircraft and one each B-29 Aircraft

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information)

None

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally or Horizontally ½ mile

b. Angle of elevation from horizon Approximately 60°

c. Altitude Approximately 6000 to 7000 feet

7. Time in sight 20 to 30 seconds

8. Appearance of object:

a. Color shiny aluminum color

b. Shape (Sketch if possible) crescent shape

c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) metal

d. Size 10 to 20 feet in height, 8 to 16 feet in width

9. Direction of flight from southeast to northwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) (over - see back of this page)

Incl #6

10. Tactics or Maneuvers: Disc at first appeared on edge (Inclosure #2) Traveling on collision course with B-29, but had then banked out flat, to prevent collision as it seemed, and had appeared as in Inclosure #3. Disc had passed under and to rear of B-29, which was traveling from east to west.

no exhaust smoke noticed

None

None

None

None

No clouds in path of disc

None noticed

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

Very good - no fins visible

None visible

None visible

None visible

500 to 600 miles per hour

Only sound was of B-29

Due to distance

Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]

Farmer

[redacted]rm near Downs, Kansas

Hunting, radio work, miniature railroading

see back of this page

Believed to be very reliable

See back of this page

By sound of B-29

Relative to the Observer

6. Ability to Determine: Mr. [redacted] had considerable experience with Aircraft Identification; estimation of aircraft speeds, estimation of altitude and estimations of distance and is believed by the writer good at determining speed, altitude and distance.

8a. Sightings in General: Mr. [redacted] while on active duty as an officer in the Coast Artillery Corps and with the Field Artillery, has acted as Tower Control Officer for Anti-aircraft range practice and has had considerable experience in sighting aircraft and targets.

[illegible] in case of observer in airborne. **Not applicable**

9. Observer: [redacted]

a. Addresses **Downs, Kansas**

b. Occupation **Farm hand**

c. Reliability **Believed truthful but inexperienced regarding aircraft, sightings and altitudes**

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. **VERHAGE seemed to have above-average intelligence and appeared quiet, reliable and to have the best interests of the U. S. at heart**

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

Not applicable

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

Not applicable

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible

Not applicable

2. If airborne when object sighted:

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

Not applicable

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

Not applicable

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions **See back of page**

2. Winds aloft report **See back of page**

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:

Smoky Hill AFB Weather Station for 12 October 1949
Clear, 15 miles visibility; sea level pressure, 1019.0 millabars; temperature, 70 degrees, dew point, 44 degrees; winds calm, altimeter settling, 30.10 inches of mercury.

Russell, Kansas, Weather Observing Station for 12 October 1949
Clear, 15/ visibility; temperature, 72 degrees; dew point, 41 degrees; wind from west south west at 8 miles.

2. Winds Aloft Report
Smoky Hill AFB Weather Station for 12 October 1949
Taken at 1500 hours CST on 12 October 1949
Ground level, 140° at 10 knots; 2000', 140° at 14 knots; 3000', 140° at 12 knots; 4000', 200° at eight knots; 5000', calm; 6000', calm; 7000', calm; 8000', calm; 9000', 290° at 12 knots; 10000', 340° at 12 knots; 12000', 340° at 14 knots; 14000', 330° at 10 knots.

No winds aloft report taken at Russell, Kansas

Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

3. [illegible] No aircraft from Smoky Hill AFB were in vicinity of sighting on 12 October 1949

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other No such organizations in vicinity of sighting

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils Not applicable

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. Not applicable

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. Inclosures #2 and #3

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. Flat field

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). Not applicable

   d. Maneuvers. See Inclosure #4

   e. Formation if more than one object. Not applicable

8. Secure signed statement, if possible

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. Not applicable

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).
    None visible

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Special Agent, OSI

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-58	DATE 30 November 1949
	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM R. COSTING	
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT Sighted in Sky Near Lexington, Nebraska	REPORT MADE AT DO #13, Offutt AFB	
	PERIOD 18 Oct; 15, 16, 17 Nov 1949	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13, Offutt AFB	
	STATUS CLOSED	

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE
None, this is an initial report

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District. On 26 September 1949, [redacted] and five others were threshing wheat in an open field and noticed three objects flying in formation from the southwest. Objects had a dazzling brilliance although sun was setting below and behind them, maintained an altitude of approximately one mile, flew a straight and level course until they approached a position approximately opposite observers, 60 degrees in the sky to the northwest, at which time they executed a 90 degree turn away from the earth, climbed straight up and disappeared from view. Two of the objects left a trail of sparks while in straight and level flight. Mr. [redacted] four others noted objects from Lexington, Nebraska, a position approximately eight miles away. All observers believed objects attained a high rate of speed and believed them to be of bulkier appearance than conventional aircraft.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District, Offutt Air Force Base, upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Eustis Weekly, Eustis, Nebraska, dated 30 September 1949.

NEAR LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

2. For details of interview of observer and witnesses, see Inclosure #1.

3. For details of formation and maneuvers of objects, see paragraph 4, page 1 and paragraph 8, page 3, Inclosure #1.

4. For sketch of objects, see Inclosure #2.

5. For map of area showing location of observers, path of object and general terrain, see Inclosure #3.

3 INCLOSURES:

(1). Check Sheet, Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry
(2). Sketch of objects
(3). Map of area showing location of observers, path of object and general terrain.

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1. Date of sighting 26 September 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1830 - 1900

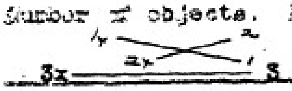
3. Where sighted (observer's position) Six men were threshing grain in an open field

a. Ground Behind farmhouse (Five other persons were on edge of Lexington, Nebraska, 8 miles away

b. Air Not applicable

c. Sea Not applicable

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible Three



#1 and #2 changed formation as indicated just prior to turning away from earth

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information)

Daytime - no phenomena reported

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally or Horizontally 50° - 55°

b. Angle of elevation from horizon

c. Altitude unknown - estimated over one mile

7. Time in sight 2 - 3 minutes

8. Appearance of object:

a. Color silver

b. Shape (Sketch if possible) See Inclosure #2

c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) metal & luminous material

d. Size Inaccurate estimate as altitude & distance from observer unknown. Appeared 5' wide and 12' long

9. Direction of flight SW to NE

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) Appeared to maintain level flight until flight attained position NW and 80° angle from observers and then flight executed 90° turn away from ground, climbed straight up and disappeared from view.

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Two of three objects left trail of apparently fiery sparks while in level flight. Trail disappeared when objects started climbing

No apparent trail immediately behind ships. About 1 length behind ships, sparks became apparent; at 2 lengths trail widened to twice width of object; at 10 lengths, disappeared.

Six times length of ship

None

Within five seconds

No sound

No clouds in sky

Apparently attached, could not have been reflection. A dazzling brightness was noted from body of objects & particularly from nose of them although sun was settling behind them.

Steady light

Objects' bodies sloped to each side to give impression of a type of wing

Apparently jet - no prop noticed

No opening noticed but trail of sparks left impression of opening in rear of object.

Maintained straight and level flight. Made well-executed turn and climbed straight up.

No vertical fins noted

None noted

None noted

No estimate. Observers stated object appeared to be drifting towards them, suddenly picked up speed, executed turn and disappeared from view in 30 to 40 seconds.

None

None

None

Not applicable

Objects climbed straight up at 90° angle to earth, disappeared in 30 - 40 seconds.

Not applicable

[redacted]

Bertrand, Nebraska

Farmer

Farm, Bertrand, Nebraska

Average

Investigation revealed observer to have unquestionable integrity.

Men were threshing grain in open field. [redacted] first noted (over) objects coming from southwest and called his helpers' attention to the airplanes. As objects came closer, it was noted that they were not of conventional airplane design.[redacted]a recent graduate of a two year course of aeronautical designing, stated he first thought objects were F-80 aircraft, but as objects moved, realized that the objects had performance of an F-80 but did not have the design. [redacted]executed a free hand drawing of what he believed the object would look like, although he had a 45° view of the front, rather than 90° vie[redacted]d objects appeared to be drifting towards them over a low line of hills, seemed to pick up speed, at which time two of the objects left a trail of sparks. As objects approached them, the lead and No. 2 object criss-crossed positions with No. 3 maintaining its position in the formation. At position opposite observers towards NW and at 30° angle from earth, objects executed 90° turn away from earth and climbed straight up, disappearing from view. A dazzling brightness was noted from objects and was believed to be a reflection until it was realized that the sun was almost on the horizon and the objects were going away from the sun. The great intensity of light was noted around the center of the objects.

Mr. and Mrs[redacted]xington, Nebraska, and Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]nd their daughter[redacted]Eustis, Nebraska, were at th[redacted]sidence in Lexington. They were standing in the front yard and noticed two objects southeast of Lexington. Objects appeared to be traveling very fast at approximately one mile altitude. They could not sketch objects but indicated they appeared to be bulkier than conventional aircraft.

Objects maintained straight and level flight until they turned away from earth and went straight up, disappearing from view. While in level flight, two of the objects appeared to leave a trail of sparks. None of the aforementio[redacted]are acquainted with the six people previously mentioned.

Objects seemed to have a dazzling brilliance although sun was setting behind and below objects.

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[illegible]

[illegible] Not applicable

[redacted] Bertrand, Nebraska [redacted] Bertrand, Neb.
9. [illegible] [redacted], Bertrand, Nebraska [redacted]rtrand, Neb.
[redacted]Bertrand, Nebraska
a. Address [redacted], Bertrand, Nebraska

b. Occupation Farmers

c. Reliability All revealed to be of better than average integrity

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. Average intelligence & excellent character

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target

Not applicable

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?

Not applicable

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible

Not applicable

2. Interceptors when object sighted:

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits?

Not applicable

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.

Not applicable

General

1. Give sequence of local weather conditions Clear, thin scattered clouds at 25,000 feet in east; temperature 74°, visibility over 30 miles
2. Winds aloft report none available

3. [illegible] at the time. [illegible] to that border) No commercial - no evidence of military F-80 in area from Offutt AFB, Omaha, or Air National Guard at Lincoln, Nebraska

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity such aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other No evidence of testing devices or weather balloons in vicinity.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils Not applicable

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. Not applicable

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. See Inclosure #2

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. Flat level terrain with exception of line of 65 foot hills. (See Inclosure #3)

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). Not applicable

   d. Maneuvers. See paragraph 4, page 1; paragraph 8, page 3

   e. Formation if more than one object.

8. Secure signed statement, if possible. See paragraph 4, page 1; paragraph 8, page 3

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. Not applicable

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such).

    Not applicable

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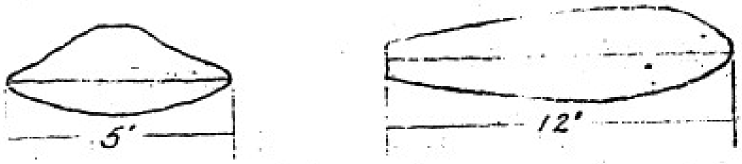

The objects were approaching observer at 35° to 45° angle but the above frontal view (left) and side view (right) are his impression of size and shape of objects.

Dark line indicates greatest intensity of reflected light from object, and shaded areas, decreasing intensity.

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① [redacted]

② [redacted]

③ [redacted] Residence

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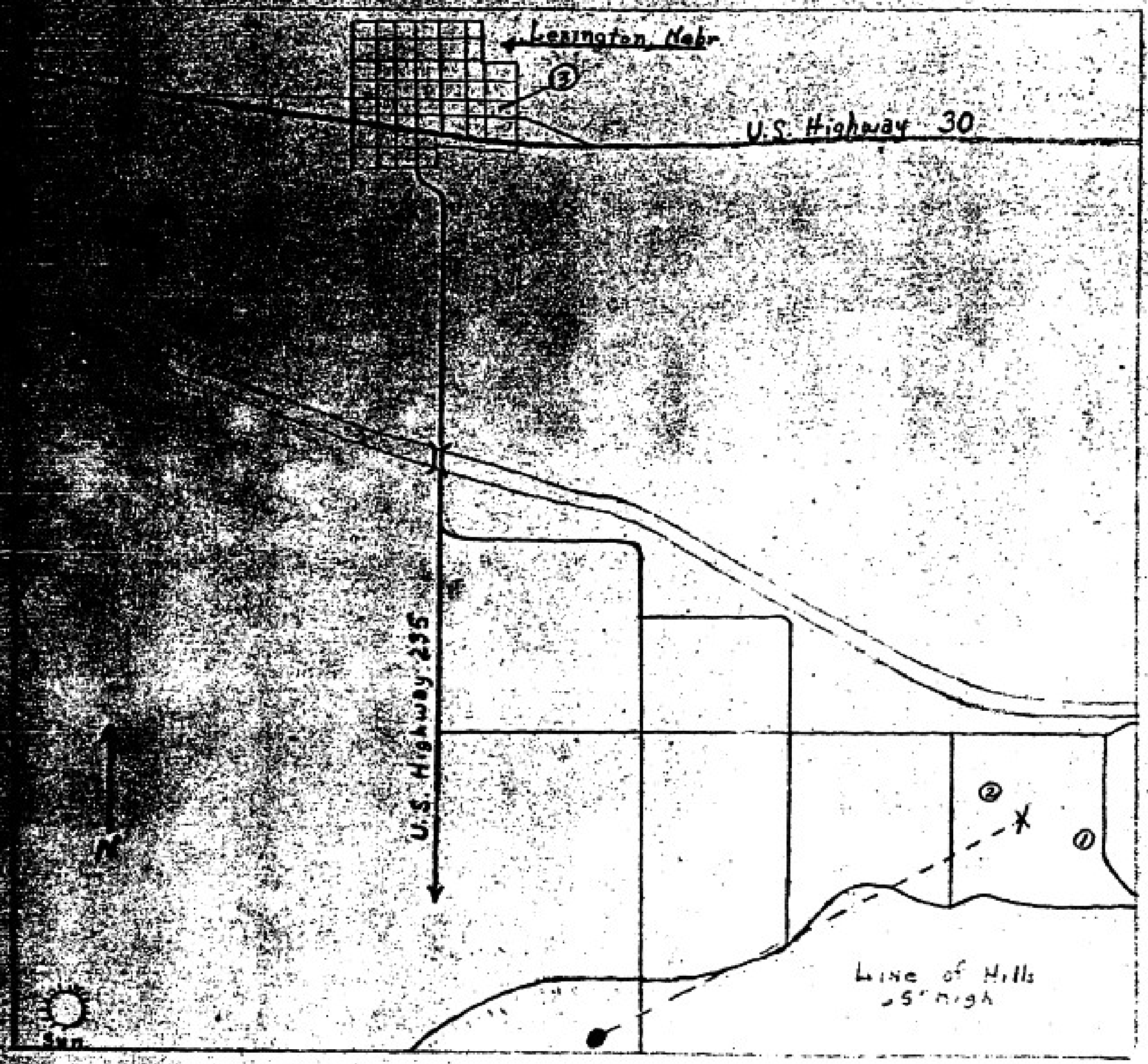
● — Position of Objects when first sighted

--- Path of Objects

X Position where Objects made turn in Sky

General Terrain — Flat and level with exception of indicated row of hills.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U.S. Highway 30
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INCLOSURE #3

1" = 1 MILE

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-61

DATE 20 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY LAWRENCE A. APP[illegible]

TITLE [illegible]

REPORT MADE AT [illegible]

PERIOD 13, 14 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13

STATUS PENDING

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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE TWX, HQ OSI; DO #14 and 17, 13 January 1950.
Spot Intelligence Report - HQ OSI, DO #14 and 17, 16 January 1950

SYNOPSIS

Article in Wyandotte Echo, Kansas City, Kansas, 6 January 1950, stated Kansas City auto dealer, [redacted] while in Denver, met an engineer named [redacted]ho claimed to have seen two "Flying Saucers" which had crashed at a radar station near the New Mexico and Arizona border. These craft, each carrying a crew of two, were constructed of some unknown metal and were stocked with food in tablet form. [redacted] also claimed to have removed from one of the craft a radio receiving and transmitting set, which, at 1115 hours daily, received a message in an unknown language. [redacted] that about fifty (50) of these craft had been found in the United States in a two year period, forty (40) of them being presently at the United States Research Bureau in Los Angeles. [redacted]tated it was assumed the craft had come from the planet Venus.

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1. This investigation was initiated at the direction of the District Commander, based on information contained in the Wyandotte Echo, dated 6 January 1950.

2. On 14 January 1950, Mr. [redacted]eet, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed regarding the story appearing in the Wyandotte Echo, 6 January 1950, a weekly newspaper published in Kansas City, Kansas, at 715 Minnesota Avenue, concerning flying saucers and which quoted Mr. [redacted] (See Inclosure #1)

Concerning this article, [redacted] said the information contained in the article was correct in its entirety and was as he received it from Mr. [redacted] otherwise unidentified, at Denver, Colorado, about two weeks prior to the article appearing in the Echo. Mr. [redacted] went on to say that he gave the information to a man named [redacted], otherwise unidentified and unknown to [redacted] over the telephone. According to [redacted] he had no idea that the information would be published. According to [redacted], Mr. [redacted], an engineer at the Ford Plant, Denver, Colorado, knows [redacted] his address, as does the representative of the J. Walter [redacted] Advertising Company in Denver. At the time [redacted] talked to [redacted] in Denver, [redacted] had showed him a piece of metal and tiny receiving and transmitting set which he stated he had secured from one of the two "flying saucers" which had crashed near the Arizona-New Mexico border. The metal, [redacted] stated, was light weight and similar to aluminum. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he had taken the radio set to a radio station with which he is connected in Denver, and that tests there revealed that at 1115 hours each day a broadcast was picked up on the radio. The broadcast was in some strange language, and according to [redacted] sounded like "a Chinaman talking Japanese. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] was going to take the metal to the Ford Plant for analysis and that he did not hear what the results of this analysis were. [redacted] would add nothing further to the article appearing in the Wyandotte County Echo. (See copy of this article attached as Inclosure #1.)

1 Incl
  Copy of article in Wyandotte
  Echo, Kansas City, Kansas,
  6 Jan 1950

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DISTRICT OFFICE #13, OFFUTT AFB, NEBRASKA

AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Will continue such investigation as is deemed necessary.

DISTRICT OFFICE #14, LOWRY AFB, DENVER, COLORADO

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will identify and interview Mr. [redacted] for verification of the facts as set forth by FICK. Will notify DO #17 by TWX as to the location of the "radar station near the New Mexico-Arizona border," if location can be established.

DISTRICT OFFICE #17, KIRTLAND AFB, NEW MEXICO

Will attempt to locate "radar station near the New Mexico-Arizona border," where [redacted] claimed to have seen "flying saucers," and conduct such inquiry as is deemed necessary.

DISTRICT OFFICE #18, MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will attempt to ascertain if the United States Research Bureau in Los Angeles has any information concerning [redacted]'s statement they have possession of forty of these "flying saucers."

[redacted]

THE WYANDOTTE ECHO
Kansas City, Kansas
January 6, 1950

Came to Earth By Accident, Says Rudy Fick, Ford Dealer

The secret of the "Flying Saucers" is a secret no longer. Two weeks ago, Rudy Fick, well known Kansas City auto dealer, stopped over in Denver returning from Ogden, Utah. While there, he called on the manager and the assistant manager of the Ford agency there. Their conversation was interrupted by a call from two engineers, arranging an immediate meeting. One of these engineers, a man named Coulter, revealed some startling information.

Sees Saucers

According to the story told by Coulter, he "crashed the gate" at a radar station near the New Mexico and Arizona border after two weeks of arranging. Here he saw two of the highly secret "flying saucers." One of these was badly damaged, while the other was almost perfectly intact. These objects were space ships of an unusual design. They consisted of two parts, a cockpit or cabin about six feet in diameter, and a ring 18 feet across and about two feet thick surrounded the cabin. In flight, the ring revolved at a high rate of speed, while the cabin remained stationary like the center of a gyroscope. The ship has a bearing type tripod landing gear. The cabin was constructed of a metal resembling aluminum, but the actual make-up of the metal has defied analysis. Coulter had a portion of this metal in his possession, and gave it to one of the Ford men with instructions to send it to the Dearborn Ford plant laboratory to see if they could either melt it or analyze it.

1.

2.

Crews Dead

Each of the two ships seen by Coulter were occupied by a crew of two. In the badly damaged ship, these bodies were charred so badly that little could be learned from them. The occupants of the other ship, while dead when they were found, were not burned or disfigured, and, when Coulter saw them, were in a perfect state of preservation. Medical reports, according to Coulter, showed that these men were almost identical with earth-dwelling humans, except for a few minor differences. They were of a uniform height of three feet, were uniformly blond, beardless and their teeth were completely free of fillings or cavities.

4.

[illegible] Coulter said that it was a matter of speculation whether this was the customary garb of these people, or whether these were "space suits" or flying suits.

In each ship was a quantity of food in tablet form. One type of the food was in the form of small, white tablets, about half the size of Alka-Seltzer tablets. Another type was a small brown cube, which, when immersed in water, swelled to a volume of about a gallon. Water contained in the ships had a weight [illegible] as great as water on earth.

The ships seemed to be magnetically controlled and powered, as they had no power plant in the ship itself. No armament or exploratory equipment was found in them, and, since they seem to invariably crash near radar installations, it is surmised that they are attracted by radar, or possibly radar waves interfere with their control systems.

Lunar Clock

In addition to the piece of metal, Coulter showed the group including Fick, a clock or automatic calendar taken from one of the crafts. It consisted of two pieces of metal sandwiching some unusual type of material. On the face of one of these pieces of metal appeared an indentation, which, rotating around the disc, completed a cycle each 28 days, a lunar month.

Fifty Are Found

According to the information given Coulter, there are around fifty of these craft that have been found in the United States for a period of about two years and forty of these are in the United States Research Bureau in Los Angeles.

Coulter said that the best assumption as to the source of the ships was the planet Venus, for it is the only planet that has an atmosphere in any way similar to ours, and it seems to have magnetic properties that would make it the logical home base of these space ships.

Planned "Leak"

Mr. Fick's assumption as to the reason behind the apparent lack of security is that the government desires the information to be spread from unofficial sources until people are more or less familiar with the facts. He feels that the security departments of the military fear that the sudden shock of a surprise announcement of the fact that interplanetary travel was possible might cause mass hysteria. No cause for alarm seems necessary, however, for, from all indications, the Venusian visitors are quite peaceful, and even unwilling, visitors to our planet.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-69

DATE 19 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY LAWRENCE A. APPLEBEE

REPORT MADE AT [illegible]

PERIOD 9, 12 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13

STATUS PENDING

TITLE
[illegible] AIRCRAFT
[illegible] CITY, MISSOURI
[illegible] . GRAY (WITNESS)

CHARACTER.
SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)

REFERENCE
None; this is an Initial Report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 13th OSI District.

Mr. [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri, reported sighting unconventional aircraft at 1926 hours, 6 January 1950, in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri. The airborne craft was described as being round in shape, although "no definite lines pertaining to shape were visible." The object was a brilliant white and a bright red flash was observed from the center of the object from time to time and at other times from the outer edge of the object. The red flash was not constant but could be seen alternately throughout the twenty (20) minutes that the object was in view. Speed could not be estimated. The object appeared to hover in one position for a period of ten (10) minutes. No motion was visible at this time but the color flickered and the red flashes continued. GRAY declared that the object he observed was not comparable to any airplane, dirigible, or balloon of any type.

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1. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 15th OSI District, upon receipt of information that Mr. [redacted] (Raytown) Kansas City, Missouri, had sighted an unconventional aircraft on 6 January 1950.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

2. On 9 January 1950 M/Sgt MACARTHUR of the Provost Marshal's Office, Fairfax AFB, Kansas, telephonically advised this office that a "Flying Saucer" had been sighted on 7 January 1950, at about 1930 hours, by a [redacted]

Investigation revealed that the [redacted] sighting the unconventional aircraft, resided at [redacted] St., (Raytown), Kansas City, Missouri, and that he was employed at the Bendix Aircraft Corporation, 95th and Troost Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

3. On 12 January 1950 Mr. [redacted] was interviewed at the Bendix Plant. Mr. [redacted] stated that on 6 January 1950, he and an employee of his, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, punched the time clock at the Bendix Plant at 1926 hours and left the building by the main entrance, located at the south side of the plant. GRAY went on to say that as they emerged from the building and walked toward the parking lot across the street, they noticed a bright object in the sky to the southwest of their position. At first glance it appeared to be a star but closer observation convinced them that what they viewed was an airborne craft of some type. GRAY described the object as being round in shape, although "no definite lines pertaining to shape were visible." He said that it was brilliant white and that a bright red flash was observed from the center of the object from time to time and at other times from the outer edge of the object. This red flash was not constant but would be seen alternately throughout the twenty-five minutes that the object was in view. GRAY estimated that the object was, at one time, 50 miles away and 3,000 to 4,000 feet high and approximately 6 to 8 inches in diameter. The speed could not be estimated and it appeared to hover in one position for a period of ten minutes. No motion was visible at this time but the color flickered and the red flashes continued. This was observed from a point 15 miles south and west of their original sighting point where the two men had traveled to obtain a better view. From this point, according to GRAY, the beacon at the O'Lathe Naval AB could be seen and the object then appeared to be over but beyond the Air Base. The two returned to their original sighting point, keeping the object in view during half of the trip back. Upon reaching the original sighting point the object was not visible. They then proceeded to a high point southeast of the Bendix Plant but did not see the object again. [redacted] declared that the

[illegible] observed was not [illegible] any airplane, [illegible] or balloon of any type. [illegible] executed a signed statement embodying the foregoing details and which is attached as Inclosure #1.

NOTE: [redacted] was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, on 9 August 1924.

[redacted] appeared to be sincere and did not seem to be over exaggerate in relating the details concerning the object he had seen. He appeared to be a person of good character, intelligent and well mannered. [redacted] was a Naval Mechanic for 3 1/2 years, served 11 months overseas in the Pacific and was discharged on 26 November 1945. His hobbies are electroplating and flying.

4. [redacted] concurred [redacted]ements and added that the object they had sighted appeared to swirl or rotate at a terrific speed. He stated that there had been no sideway motion but that it had, except for the period of hovering, moved continuously away from them. He estimated that its altitude at first sighting was 8,000 to 10,000 feet but, that it gradually descended to about 3,000 to 4,000 feet. [redacted] went on to say that he thought when he had first sighted the object that it had been "greenish" in color but that he next decided it was a light orange-almost white color. He said that a "red ring" encircled the object and that at regular intervals it appeared to expand and diffuse the entire object with a reddish glow. According to [redacted] support of the object appeared to be its terrific speed but he could give no estimate of this speed. He stated that there was no apparent sound from the object and that upon disappearing it seemed to fade from view. Its size appeared to be that of a softball and the object reminded [redacted] the Planet Saturn. According to both observers the night was clear, there were no clouds in the sky, and the moon was rising at the time. Both men informed the writer that they had heard of a man who had been driving in the vicinity of Kansas City the same day and who had become involved in an accident while observing a "Flying Saucer." They thought this story had appeared in The Kansas City Star.

NOTE: [redacted] was born on 10 January 1931 at Raytown, Missouri. His hobbies are photography and first aid. He appeared to be a sensible, intelligent person and did not appear to over exaggerate.

Mr. [redacted] Office Administrator for the Bendix Aviation Corporation, and [redacted] the Security Office of the Bendix Plant were interviewed regarding the reliability [redacted] Both stated that these men were completely reliable and dependable, good character and sound judgment.

5. Additional details relative to the unconventional aircraft sighted by [redacted] contained in form, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry," which is attached as Inclosure #2.

[redacted]

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c. In regard to comment by [redacted] on the sighting of the unidentified unconventional aircraft by the above individual, the following news item appearing in the Kansas City Star, 6 January 1950, is submitted:

"DOUBT OVER CRASH CAUSE
Driver Tells Police a Flying Saucer Blinds Him

"A flying saucer was reportedly seen in Kansas City, Kansas, early today, but police are skeptical about it.

[redacted] 33 years old, [redacted] reported the phenomenon. He was driving east on Kansas Avenue, he told police, when "this flying saucer or a ball of fire or something like that" flashed across First Street in front of his car, northbound, blinding him. He lost control of his car and crashed into a truck parked at the curb, damaging both vehicles.

"He suffered cuts on his head and face and was treated at the police emergency hospital and arrested for reckless driving and driving while intoxicated. The truck was owned by [redacted] of Edwardsville, Ks."

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1. [redacted] Statement
2. Form - Unconventional
A/C - Special Inquiry

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

DETACHMENT "A", KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will conduct such additional investigation as deemed necessary.

[redacted]

January 12, 1950

I make this statement to [illegible], whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force.

On January 6, 1950 at 7:30 P.M., an employee of mine and myself left our place of work. As we walked toward our car we noticed a very bright object in the sky southwest of our position facing south. At first glance it seemed like a star but on second notice we were positive it was an airborne obstacle of some type either guided by man or of some other source. This object was a very brilliant white and flickered somewhat like a star. It was round in shape although no definite lines pertaining to shape were visible. We also noticed a bright red flash at times in the center of the object and at other times on the outer edge. As an example, using a mirror to reflect light, you would see a bright flash as it passes in front of your eyes. This red on the object was not constant but would be seen alternately through our full twenty-five minutes of sighting.

As to the shape or size of the object it would be hard to say definitely. The brilliant glow was round and nothing else could be seen because of the glare. The size would be dependent on height and distance. Estimating the distance at 30 miles and height 5000 to 4000 feet, it was six to eight inches in diameter. Speed could not be estimated. It seemed to hover for periods of about ten minutes at a time, gradually decreasing in altitude, then at the last, maintaining an altitude of about 3000 to 4000 feet continued west, southwest. At first sighting estimated altitude was 8000 to 10,000 feet.

After sighting the object from the parking lot in front of our plant we drove about ten or fifteen miles west and south to a high point. We kept it in sight up to this time and then watched it for about ten minutes. During this last ten minutes it seemed to hover. No motion was visible, only the color flickering, and the red flashes continuing. Then it started moving west, southwest. At this time we drove back over our same route and kept it in sight half the way back; then it disappeared. We continued to our original sighting point and noticed nothing comparable to this object. We continued past our original point of sighting to another high point and the object was not visible. The object also was not comparable to an airplane, dirigible or balloon of any type. As to the length of time of sighting it was approximately twenty five to thirty minutes.

Signed:
[redacted]

Witnessed by:
[redacted]

I concur that all the above statements made by [redacted] are true.

[redacted]

[redacted]

1. Date of sighting 6 January 1950

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) Approximately 1930 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

a. Ground Front of Bendix Plant, 95 & Troost, Kansas City, Mo.

b. Air

c. Sea

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible

One cylindrical shape—glowing—red flashes—see attached page 4

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information)

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally Approximately 30 miles southwest

b. Angle of elevation from horizon 30°

c. Altitude First sighting 8000-10000 ft—decreased to 3000-4000

7. Time in sight Approximately 25 minutes

8. Appearance of object:

a. Color Brilliant white

b. Shape (Sketch if possible) cylindrical—see attached sketch

c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) Unknown

d. Size From sighting point appeared to be 6" to 8" in diameter

9. Direction of flight Southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) Apparently hovering. Vertical descent. May have been fluttering

[redacted]

[illegible]

None.

[illegible]

[illegible]

d. Rate of [illegible]

e. Does sound vary with speed? (spurts)

12. Effect on clouds:

a. Opened path thru clouds No clouds

b. Formed cloud or mist

c. Reflected on cloud

d. Showed thru cloud

13. Lights:

a. Reflected See statement attached - page #

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

14. Supports:

a. Wings Unknown

b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible)

15. Propulsion:

a. Propeller Unknown

b. Jet

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Kite [illegible] effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings

[redacted]

X

b. [illegible] (Continued [illegible])

Unknown

17. Air Route

a. [illegible] ____________________

b. [illegible] ____________________

See statement attached – page 8

18. Speed M.P.H. ____________________

None

19. Sound:

a. Continuous whine or hiss ____________________

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh ____________________

c. Intermittent ____________________

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode ____________________

X

b. Faded from view ____________________

c. Disappeared behind obstacle ____________________

Evaluation of the Observer

1. Name of observer ____________________

2. Address ____________________

Supervisor of Office Services

3. Occupation ____________________

Bendix Aviation Corp., Kansas City, Mo. Div.

4. Place of business ____________________

Electro-plating and flying

5. [illegible] ____________________

6. [illegible] ____________________

7. Reliability of observer ____________________

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Character in general ____________________ brightness of object

b. How attention was drawn to object(s) ____________________

[redacted]

Not Applicable

[redacted] Kansas City, Mo.

Messenger-Bendix Aviation Corp., Kansas City, Mo.

9. [illegible] ____________________

10. Comments of interrogators regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. ____________________

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Radars operating at ground.

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target _____

____

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), rate, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? __________

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c. [illegible] several [illegible] __________

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2. [illegible]

a. [illegible]

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b. [illegible] __________

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[illegible]

1. [illegible] __________

2. [illegible] __________

[redacted]

No contact with earth

[illegible]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.: 24-60

DATE: 18 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY: CASS [illegible]

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PERIOD: 6 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #13, Offutt AFB

STATUS: CLOSED

TITLE: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Howard, Kansas

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: None - this is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

UNCLASSIFIED

Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 13th OSI District, upon receipt of a request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC, to make inquiry into the incident. On 6 January 1950, Captain ROBERT E. ZIMMERMAN, Captain FREDERICK E. HOWARD, and 1st Lt HAROLD G. SIMPSON, while enroute by air from Carswell AFB, Texas to Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska, saw an unidentified object near Howard, Kansas. The object, 30 to 60 feet in length, shaped like a football and bright silver in color, was proceeding in straight level flight at approximately 2,000 feet, with an estimated speed of 300 to 500 miles per hour. The object was in sight for less than two minutes and then faded from view. The weather was reported as CAVU.

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO 13, upon receipt of request from the Inspector General, Headquarters SAC.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosure #1.

INCLOSURES:

Check Sheet - "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry"

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([redacted] (

[illegible]

1. Date of Sighting 6 January 1950

2. Time of sighting (local by 24 hr. clock) 1410 (CST)

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

a. Ground

b. Air 7 Miles west of Howard, Kansas, in C-47 aircraft, at 5500 Feet

c. ~~xxx~~ 37° 28" N (Latitude) 96° 27" W (Longitude)

4. Number of objects, formation type (if any), sketch if possible

One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information)

N/A

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally or Horizontally [redacted] stated it was 2 miles away [redacted] thought it was from

b. Angle of elevation from horizon 5 to 10 miles away.

c. Altitude Approximately 2,000 feet

7. Time in sight Less than two (2) minutes

8. Appearance of object: All three observers claimed it to be a very bright silver [redacted] added that object had a red nose.

a. Color

b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Elongated oval - like a football

c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) Unknown
[redacted] judged it to be 30 to 40 feet long.

d. Size [redacted] judged it to be 50 to 60 feet long.

9. Direction of flight 90 to 100 compass degrees

10. Tactics or manouvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.)

Straight, even flight

Incl #1

[redacted]

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

No clouds - CAVU

N/A

N/A

N/A

Entire object reflected light, as would an aluminum aircraft.

None

None

None

None

N/A

None visible

None visible

None

None visible

([redacted] (

None apparent

None apparent

[redacted] judged speed to be 300 miles per hour
[redacted] judged speed to be 500 miles per hour

None

Captain ROBERT R. ZIMMERMAN, 1A914A; Captain FREDERICK
E. HOWARD, AO-515894; 1st Lt HAROLD G. SIMPSON, AO-764479
All assigned to Hq 8th AF, Carswell AFB, Texas

ZIMMERMAN and HOWARD are experienced pilots with three years combat service.
All three men claimed to be alert and not fatigued.

[redacted]

[illegible] Had been airborne less than two hours.

[illegible]

a. Addresses N/A

b. Occupation N/A

c. Reliability N/A

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted:

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits? N/A

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report

[redacted]

[illegible] ________________

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity [illegible] by ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other ________________

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils ________________

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. ________

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object.

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).

   d. Maneuvers.

   e. Formation if more than one object.

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or excrescences that might presumably be construed as such). **None noted**

CASS N. RIDDLE
Special Agent, OSI

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

MT/FES/drb
16 January 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers from Venus Come to Earth

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. SYNOPSIS: Article in Wyandotte Echo, Kansas City, Kansas, 6 January 1950, states Kansas City auto dealer, [redacted], while in Denver, met an engineer named [redacted], who claimed to have seen two "flying saucers" which had crashed at a radar station near the New Mexico and Arizona border. These craft, each carrying a crew of two, were constructed of some unknown metal, and were stocked with food in tablet form. [redacted] said about fifty (50) of these craft had been found in the United States in a two year period—forty (40) of them being presently in the United States Research Bureau in Los Angeles. [redacted] stated it was assumed the craft had come from the planet Venus. Evaluation – unknown.

2. DETAILS: A newspaper article appearing in the Wyandotte Echo, Kansas City, Kansas, 6 January 1950, stated that two weeks ago [redacted], well known Kansas City auto dealer, stopped in Denver where he called on the manager of the Ford Agency. Their conversation was interrupted by some engineers arriving for a meeting. One of these arrivals, a man named [redacted], revealed the following information:

He, [redacted] "crashed the gate" at a radar station near the New Mexico and Arizona border. While there he saw two of the highly secret flying saucers which had crashed near that site. One was badly

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damaged, the other almost perfectly intact. These craft consisted of two parts: the cockpit or cabin, approximately six (6) ft. in diameter; and a ring, 18 ft. across, and about 2 ft. thick, surrounding the cabin. These craft were constructed of a metal resembling aluminum but the actual components of the metal could not be defined. [redacted] had a small piece of this metal in his possession and gave it to the Ford man to send to the Ford Dearborn Plant for analysis. Each of the two craft had a crew of two. In the damaged ship the bodies were charred. The occupants of the other ship were in a perfect state of preservation, although dead. They were almost identical with human beings, were of a uniform height of 3 ft, uniformly blonde, beardless, and their teeth were completely free of fillings or cavities. The bodies were dressed in a blue material, the threads in the cloth seemingly a sort of wire. They did not wear under-garments but the bodies were taped. There was a quantity of food in the ship in tablet form and water found in the craft had a weight double that of water here on earth. [redacted] showed the group, including [redacted] a clock or automatic calendar taken from one of the craft, consisting of two pieces of metal. On the face of one piece of this metal appeared an indentation which rotated around the disk, completing a cycle each twenty-eight (28) days. According to information given [redacted] there have been fifty (50) of these craft found in the United States in a two year period. Forty (40) of these are in the United States Research Bureau in Los Angeles. It was assumed the craft came from the planet Venus because that is the only planet having an atmosphere in any way similar to ours, and also Venus seems to have magnetic properties which would make it the logical home base for these space ships. Mr. [redacted] assumed the reason behind the apparent lack of security is that the Government desired this information to be spread from unofficial sources until people are more or less familiar with the facts. He feels that the security department of the military fears that the sudden shock of a surprise announcement that interplanatory travel is possible might cause mass hysteria. Editor of the Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that while his newspaper was aware of this story, they did not dare put it into their paper because it was too fantastic. Reputation of [redacted] is that he is well known locally and has a number of friends on the Kansas City Star. COULTER was not otherwise identified but apparently can be readily located through the Ford Agency in Denver, Colorado.

5. ACTION: Initial "Spot Report" transmitted to Headquarters, OSI, and to DO #14 and #17 by TWX on 13 January 1950. DO #13 will interview PECK and make additional inquiries in Kansas City. Copies of this report are being sent to DO #14 for locating and interviewing COULTER, and to DO #17 for inquiry as to the radar station on the New Mexico and Arizona border, the possible site of craft from the planet Venus.

Earl C. Sparks
for MATTHEW THOMPSON Capt USAF
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

Copies furnished:
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[redacted] says Flying saucers from Venus came to earth by accident. [redacted] well known Kansas City auto dealer stopped in Denver 2 weeks ago while returning from Ogden, Utah. At that time he called on the manager of Ford Agency. Their conversation was interrupted by some engineers arriving for a meeting; one of whom was a man named [redacted] revealed some startling information. He [redacted] stated he "crossed the Gate" at a radar station near new Mexico and Arizona borders, and while there he saw 2 of the highly secret "Flying Saucers." Spot report details---the information contained herein was furnished from article which appeared in the Wyandotte Echo newspaper, Kansas City, Kansas, 6 January 1950. Of the two Flying saucers one was badly damaged and the other almost perfectly intact. They consisted of 2 parts, a cockpit or cabin about 6 feet in diameter. A ring 18 feet across and 2 feet thick surrounded the cabin. The cabin was constructed of metal resembling aluminum, but the actual make of the metal has defied analysis. Coulter had a piece of the metal in his possession and gave it [redacted] Ford man to send to the Dearborne plant for analysis. This man [redacted]) showed the group, including [redacted] a clock or automatic calendar which was taken from one of the Flying Saucers. This clock or automatic calendar consisted of 2 pieces of metal together with some unusual type of metal. On the face of 1 or 2 pieces of this metal there appeared an indentation which rotated around the disk completing a [redacted] cycle each 28 days. According to the information given C[redacted] around 50 of these flying saucers have been found in the United States in a period of 2 years. Of these, 40 are in the 7 US Research Bureau in Los Angeles. Each of the craft had a crew of 2. The bodies in the damaged ship were charred, but the other ship's occupants were in a perfect state of preservation, although dead.

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DIST CONDR 17TH OSI DIST KIRTLAND AFB ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

NR : OSI 11. 17 January 1950

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ACTION: DIRECTOR, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.: 24-47

DATE: 23 January 1950

REPORT MADE BY: FREDERICK K. UNGERER, S/A 4b

REPORT MADE AT: DO #14, Lowry AFB

PERIOD: 17,18,19,20,23 January 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #13, Offutt AFB

STATUS: RUC

TITLE: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT (FLYING SAUCERS from VENUS CONT to EARTH)

CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: TWX, DO #13, dtd 140200Z; Ltr, DO #13, 16 January 1950 (File #24-51); Rpt, S/A APPLEBEE, 20 January 1950 (File #24-51), DO #13; and TWX, DO #17, 210315Z.

SYNOPSIS

Interviews with JACK M. MURPHY, L. J. VAN HORN, and MORLEY D. DAVIES reveal that information concerning flying saucers has been related by [redacted] of Denver. Some details [redacted] story have been [redacted] through investigation of MURPHY and VAN HORN. MURPHY, VAN HORN, [redacted] and DAVIES will execute signed statements if deemed necessary. [redacted] produced to [redacted] a few others, parts which he claimed were taken, by him, from a flying saucer. During interview with [redacted] he denied having seen any flying saucers and denied having any parts from them. He professed to believe that interplanetary travel existed and that flying saucers were landing in the United States. [redacted] stated that his information came from scientists in Phoenix, Arizona, but declined to reveal their identity on the ground that it was confidential.

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DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO

1. This is a joint investigation of Special Agent FREDERICK F. HANSEN and the writer.

2. Mr. J[redacted] Region Manager, Ford Motor Company, and Mr. [redacted] were interviewed 17 January 1950. The following information was revealed. [redacted], Field Representative, J. Walter Thompson Company, has been bringing stories concerning flying saucers t[redacted]ince early October 1949. These stories originated with [redacted], (previously reported as [redacted] an advertising salesman for Station KMYR in Denver, Colorado. [redacted] stories describe the construction of flying saucers and the occupants. Just prior to Christma[redacted] tol[redacted]hat [redacted]had some parts, from a flying saucer, in his possession. [redacted]quested that he [redacted] attempt to arrange an interview with [redacted] came to the Ford Motor Company office where [redacted] and several Ford Motor Company employees were present. [redacted] brought with him two (2) gears; several metal discs, similar to "knock out" plugs from electrical fixtures; and a gadget described as a radio. [redacted] claimed to have had the radio playing at one time and it played a type of music similar to Chinese. During the time of the visit at the Ford Motor Company the radio remained silent. While examining the gears with a magnifying glass, [redacted] discovered the arabic numeral "6" and a small arrow. [redacted] called in one of his shop engineers who examined the gears and pronounced them "just gears". [redacted] described the small metal discs as a soft aluminum like metal which scratched easily. [redacted] claimed that a friend of his at the Winter-Weiss Company (automobile equipment) was unable to analyze the type of metal. [redacted] immediately contacted Mr. [redacted] of the Winter-Weiss Company and had him check the truth of the statement. Mr. [redacted]alled back in twenty-five (25) minutes and stated positively that none of his employees had conducted an analysis of metals for [redacted] nor did any of them know [redacted]. At this time [redacted] offered to have the metals analyzed by the Ford Motor Company technicians in Dearborn, Michigan, b[redacted] declined the offer. [redacted]laimed to have entered an installation near Phoenix, Arizona and had actually seen two (2) flying saucers. They were mounted on a tripod type landing gear. The entire craft could be lifted by two persons. One craft was damaged and the occupants had been burned. The other craft was intact and the occupants were in a perfect state of preservation. They were three (3) feet tall, blond hair, beardless, and had perfect teeth. These occupants [redacted]rbed in a blue uniform of cloth made from wire fabric. [redacted] mentioned that the craft had a supply of food in tablet form and water weighing twice that of the water on earth. [redacted] mentioned a Dr. [redacted] (spelling unknown) who is supposedly [redacted] scientist in Phoenix, Arizona. According to [redacted] Dr. [redacted] told him that the flying saucers originated in Venus and that there were fifty (50) in existance in the United States. [redacted] also told of fifteen (15) flying saucer occupants parachuting to earth near Phoenix and that they became invisible when pursued. It is the

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firm opinion of Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] that [redacted]es not have a "full string of fish" and that he is "probably off his rocker". Since the meeting with [redacted] Mr. [redacted] been contacted by a Washington newscaster and the editor of the Amarillo Globe (Texas), regarding the flying saucers, but told them that he would rather not be connected with any such fantastic tale. [redacted] stated that they would execute a signed statement if deemed necessary.

3. Mr. [redacted] radio advertising salesman, Station KMYR, Denver, Colorado, was interviewed 19 January 1960. He affirmed the meeting at the Ford Motor Company with [redacted] and several others. He admitted divulging to these persons information concerning flying saucers, but denied very profoundly having had any metals or gadgets. He also denied mentioning any names regarding his source of information. [redacted] stated that he had no parts of flying saucers in his possession at present. He denied having ever seen any flying saucers or their occupants. He stated that the source of his information was confidential in nature and that he was duty-bound not to reveal such source. [redacted] stated that if he had been contacted by OSI Agents a month ago, he would have given any information that he might have had. He claimed to have been contacted by his source and told to forget everything he knew, concerning the flying saucers. [redacted] claimed to have been approached by at least three magazines and offered as high as $5,000.00 for his flying saucer story. He was also approached by a representative of the Kansas City Star. He declined to reveal any information. [redacted] stated that he fully believes that flying saucers do exist and that interplanetary travel is being accomplished.

4. Mr. [redacted] field representative, J. Walter Thompson Company, Denver, Colorado branch, was interviewed 23 January 1950. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been telling him stories concerning the flying saucers since early in October 1949. He described one as being 116 feet across and capable of carrying 16 occupants. He stated that they had come from Venus and had made the trip in forty-one (41) minutes. He stated the speed of these saucers was around 100,000 miles per second. [redacted] stated that his source of information was a Dr. [redacted] of Phoenix, Arizona and four other scientists. [redacted] told DAVIES that he had met these scientists through his wife, who was either related to one of them, or a friend of some of them. They had accepted a dinner invitation from [redacted] when on route to Phoenix, Arizona from the Wyoming Oil Fields where they had conducted experiments. [redacted] claims to have kept in contact with these scientists and gathered quite a bit of information concerning flying saucers. He told [redacted] the flying saucers were landing near Albuquerque, New Mexico, due to the attraction of the radar installation nearby. He presumed that the radar activity had an effect on these saucers since they were powered by a magnetism drawn from the atmosphere. After landing near Albuquerque these saucers, according [redacted] have been transported to an installation near Phoenix.

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Arizona. This installation is controlled by the aforementioned scientists. [redacted] claims to have visited the installation on one occasion and in order to enter was instructed to disrobe and don a one piece coverall suit. Upon passing through a door, an alarm rang and it was determined that the alarm was set off by a silver plate in KOEHLER's head and his dental fillings. [redacted] that he was permitted to go inside the installation where he saw two small two place saucers. The occupants of one saucer were burned, but the occupants of the other were in a perfect state of preservation. The uniforms of all the occupants were indestructible and of material foreign to earth. They wore shoes of a substance similar in thickness and texture, to human skin. These shoes were also indestructible and showed no signs of wear. [redacted] described the craft as having a tripod landing gear with ball and socket wheels. They were light enough in weight for two persons to raise them from the ground. [redacted] that he and another man had lifted one craft and caused the balls in two of the legs to spin. When the ball in the third leg was caused to spin the craft suddenly tore itself loose from the men and fell to the ground. [redacted] this motion was so sudden it wrenched his back. The interior of the craft, according to [redacted] contained a series of buttons used a s controls. A small radio was present, which [redacted] claims is the one which he displayed at the Ford Motor Company, in Denver. He further claims to have obtained from the craft a time device, consisting of two metal discs which rotate upon one another. He told [redacted] that the discs made a complete revolution every twenty-eight (28) days. [redacted] told [redacted] that he brought the radio, the time device, a few gears, and bits of metal back to Denver with him. He stated that the scientists had told him that the large 16 place saucer had been taken to Texas by Air Force representatives, one of whom was a three star General. According to [redacted] the scientists were displeased and informed the General that he would get no more of the saucers. During the meeting at the Ford Motor Company in Denver [redacted] told the group that one of the saucer occupants had been removed and placed in the Rosenwald Institution, Chicago, Illinois, for public display. He stated that the room had been wired in order to record the Public's reaction to the display. Mr. [redacted] called a friend of his, connected with the Rosenwald Institution [redacted] and received the information that the entire story was false. Mr. [redacted] advised that [redacted] has been relating facts and figures regarding flying saucers to him since early October 1949 and the last reference made by KOEHLER was that he had been contacted telephonically by an official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Washington, warning him to refrain from any further reference to flying saucers. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is considered to be of excellent character, a non-drinker, and not known to be adictted to the use of narcotics. He further stated that he believed none of [redacted] story to be true and has no explanation for [redacted] action. [redacted] stated that he would execute a signed statement if deemed necessary.

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5. Reference is made to report of Special Agent [illegible], 20 January 1950, file 24-61, and TWX, DO #17, 210315Z. Investigation conducted by this office failed to reveal the exact location of the radar installation which [redacted] allegedly visited. Investigation failed to reveal that [redacted] claimed visiting any radar installation but that such an installation was mentioned as the landing place of the flying saucers. This installation reported to be near Albuquerque. The installation which [redacted] claims to have visited is not a radar installation, but a place near Phoenix where scientific research is conducted by the aforementioned scientists.

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DISTRICT OFFICE #17, KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Will attempt to identify, locate and interview a scientist, Dr. [redacted] possibly, [redacted] exact spelling unknown), located in Phoenix or vicinity.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE **THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** **OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS** **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**	FILE NO. 24-89 DATE 27 January 1950 REPORT MADE BY [illegible]
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI [redacted]	REPORT MADE AT DO #13 PERIOD 25 January 1950 OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #13 STATUS CLOSED

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY (UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT)

REFERENCE

Report of S/A APPLEBEE, DO #13, 19 Jan 50, same file and subject

SYNOPSIS

Inquiries at Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, revealed no information concerning unconventional aircraft on 6 January 1950. No balloons or flares released that date. Weather was clear; visibility twelve miles.

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DETAILS:

AT OLATHE, KANSAS

On 25 January 1950, Lt. (JG) W. C. KINCANNON, Weather Officer at the Olathe Naval Air Base, Kansas, advised that no reports concerning any unconventional aircraft have been received at the Base. He further stated that the weather on 6 January 1950 was clear with visibility at 12 miles, and that no weather balloons of any type had been released on that date, nor had any flares of any type been released.

It is believed all logical leads in this matter have been developed and it is considered closed in the files of this Office.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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15 February 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major Richard G. Cox

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. On 14 February 1950 the bartender at the [redacted], a restaurant and bar located at [redacted]t and [redacted]venue, N.W., Washington, D. C., supplied the following information regarding "Unconventional Aircraft":

a. One Mr. [redacted] a frequent visitor to the Covered Wagon, gave an account of a so-called "Flying Disc." [redacted] stated in substance that recently a "Flying Disc" had developed trouble while flying over Utah and was forced to land. [redacted] further indicated that the inhabitants were small pigmy type individuals, wearing clothes of peculiar texture, styled similar to that which existed during the 18th century. [redacted] further proclaimed that the aircraft contained two or three metals unknown to scientists on earth, and that the metal was of such construction that it needed no lubricants. Further explaining the pigmy individuals, [redacted] stated that Army officials were keeping them alive in a pressurized room in Utah. Also [redacted] indicated the Army was keeping the incident quiet for a few months, but that Donald Keyhoe, author of a recent article in "True Magazine," was aware of the incident and would publish the information in the July issue of "True Magazine."

2. According to the bartender [redacted] is a lawyer and works for the Department of Labor. [redacted] claims to be friendly with Keyhoe, whose residence is in Alexandria, Virginia. No other pertinent information is available concerning Davis.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO.: 24-51

DATE: 17 February 1950

REPORT MADE BY: LAWRENCE A. APPLEBEE

TITLE: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT (FLYING SAUCERS FROM VENUS COME TO EARTH)

REPORT MADE AT: DO #13

PERIOD: 17 February 1950

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: DO #13

STATUS: PENDING

CHARACTER: SPECIAL ~~INQUIRY~~ - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: RUC Rpt of Investigation, DO #18, dated 1 Feb 1950, File 24-42

SYNOPSIS

All logical leads within the geographical boundaries of the 13th OSI District have been developed. Leads are currently outstanding to District Office #17, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, from District Offices #13 and #18.

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DETAILS:

AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

District Office #13 is in receipt of RUC Reports of Investigation from District Offices #14 and #18 in reply to Undeveloped Leads set forth in PENDING Report, this District, dated 20 January 1950. Distribution of the aforementioned RUC Reports has been made to interested agencies. There are outstanding leads to District Office #17, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, from District Offices #13 and #18. No additional information has been developed within the geographical boundaries of District Office #13 during the period of this Report and subject to submission of the aforementioned PENDING Report.

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(Unclassified) UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT, Gering, Nebraska,
[redacted] Civilian (Witness) - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Attached for your information is copy of OSI report dated 13 March 1950, concerning captioned subject.

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WASHINGTON

INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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13 March 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Gering, Nebraska
[redacted] Civilian (Witness)

SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Headquarters United States Air Force
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1. SYNOPSIS: An unidentified object, described as an intensely brilliant light, was observed over Gering, Nebraska. The object appeared 20'-25' in diameter, dangled like a pendulum, and weaved back and forth. The object was further described flat and wide; later triangular, hour-glass shaped.

2. DETAILS: The following article appeared in the Omaha World Herald newspaper 6 March 1950:

"FLYING MOON SEEN AT GERING
Score Saw Bright Light in Morning

"Gering, Neb.—First there were flying saucers. Now there is the case of the flying moon.

"An intensely brilliant moving light was observed in the sky near here early Sunday morning, according to nearly a score of Gering residents.

"E. L. Ekberg, Gering police officer, apparently was the first to spot the object. He reported seeing a brilliant light, 20 to 25 feet in diameter, about a half a mile west of here early Sunday. It was last seen by him shortly after 7 a.m., he said.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJ: [illegible], Gering, Nebraska, [redacted] [illegible]
([illegible]) [illegible] 15 March 1950

"It appeared to be about one hundred feet in the air and traveling very fast," [redacted] said. "It was so bright that I had to look away from it," he added.

"The police officer said the object glowed with a steady, very white light.

"There was no appearance of burning, no smoke, nor any orange flame," he said.

"Mr. [redacted] watched the light for some time, then went in search of witnesses. Before long, 15 to 20 persons were viewing the spectacle from the main street of Gering and the object was traveling southeast.

"It was just like a big light that changed shape," Mr. [redacted] stated. He said at first it appeared to be flat and wide, later triangular, hour-glass shaped and round. "When I first saw it, it lighted up the countryside," the officer said.

"State Safety Patrolman Dale Justice of Gering reported that he and Trooper Victor Hansen of Scottsbluff saw the object. He said they attempted to follow the light and traveled about seven miles before giving up the chase.

"The light appeared to be suspended, dangling like a pendulum, weaving back and forth," Mr. Justice said. "It was very brilliant white light," the patrolman said."

3. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigation, pursuant to instructions contained in AFOSI Letter No. 85, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 February 1950.

Matthew Thompson
MATTHEW THOMPSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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10 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carroll

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) "Flying Saucer," Midget Pilot
Reported Landing in Mexico
SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Times-Herald, Washington, D. C., of 10 March 1950 carries an AP dispatch concerning above subject which is attached hereto.

2. Statement is made in this article that crash occurred three months ago which roughly coincides with the period that similar accounts were appearing in several mid-western newspapers. The previous accounts were generally traced to statements made by a Radio Announcer in Denver, Colorado. Interview of that source by DO #14 served to discredit most of the statements made inasmuch as the announcer retracted some of his previous assertions and refused to provide any credible confirmation for the others.

Gilbert R. Levy
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'Flying Saucer,' Midget Pilot Reported Landing in Mexico

LOS ANGELES, March 9 (AP). An expert on chemicals and explosives told reporters today he had seen the wreckage of an ultra-streamlined flying saucer on a Mexico City mountainside, and that top U. S. military officials have viewed it.

But there was no confirmation of the account, related by Ray L. Dimmick, sales manager of the Apache Powder Co., and the Air Force in Washington said it had heard nothing about it.

Saw Strip of Metal

Dimmick later told newsmen he actually saw only a strip of metal which he was told came from the space ship.

The remainder of his information, Dimmick said, came from two business men in Mexico City, one, an American, the other a [illegible]. Dimmick, declining to [illegible] them, said he would [illegible] information "if requested [illegible] the proper authorities."

Part of the information, he said, was that a man 23 inches tall, the pilot of the plane, died in the crash and that his body had been [illegible] for scientific study.

"It was an exquisite piece of machinery," Dimmick told the first interviewers. He then described it in detail, saying it was 46 feet in diameter, built of a metal resembling aluminum but much harder, and was powered by two motors.

He said he was taken to the scene of the crash by associates and that the wreckage was roped off. The crash occurred three months ago, he said.

Dimmick said later that the piece of metal he actually saw was about 6 feet long, 8 inches wide and three-quarters of an inch thick.

Others Sighted

Reminded that the Air Force announced last December it was dropping its investigation of flying saucers because of preponderance of evidence that they do not exist, Dimmick said:

"I'm big enough to take the consequences of what I've said and stand my ground."

He said he has reports that similar objects landed in various parts of North America in the last year, "but governments have clamped veils of secrecy about their investigations."

"Why," he said, "I received a telephone call from Mexico this morning that another saucer was seen over Mazatlan."

In Van Nuys, Calif., last night, composer Eddie Coffman said he, actor Reed Hadley and Mrs. Hadley saw a ship through a foggy sky, which appeared to be about 400 feet in the air and traveling at extreme speed.

Through a telescope, he said, it appeared to be about 50 feet in diameter.

In Dayton, Ohio, the control tower operator at Wright-Patterson Air Force base said two jet planes and an Air National Guard plane pursued an object in the sky near there yesterday, which he called "a bare pin point of light, with the brilliance of a star at twilight." Astronomer J. A. Hynek said it may have been an "astronomical object."

Never Heard of Saucer, U. S. Officials Contend

Col. Joseph Anderson, assistant U. S. military attache at the Mexico City embassy, said of Dimmick's story: "This is beyond me." He added:

"I have not heard of any such thing, nor seen it, and were it true I feel positive I would have been informed by the Mexican defense ministry, since we are in closest touch with them."

In Washington, Air Force headquarters insisted it had heard nothing about the Mexico City flying saucer.

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[redacted] AFB, DENVER, COLO.

[redacted] COMMANDER
[redacted] OSI DISTRICT (IG)
[redacted] AFB, NEW MEXICO

[redacted] 8 . Spot Report Details -- Following information furnished from newspaper article appearing in Wyandotte Echo, Kansas City, Kans 6 January 1950: Flying saucers from Venus came to earth by accident say[redacted]. Two weeks a[redacted], well known Kansas City auto dealer stopped in Denver returning from Ogden, Utah. While there he called on the Manager of the Ford Agency. Their conversation was interrupted by some engineers arriving for a meeting. One of these arrivals, a man named[redacted] revealed some startling information. According to the story told b[redacted]he "crashed the gate" at a radar station near the New Mexico and Arizona borders. While there he saw two of the highly secret "flying saucers". One was badly damaged, the other almost perfectly intact. They consisted of two parts, a cockpit or cabin about six feet diameter and a ring

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eighteen feet across and about two feet thick surrounded the cabin. The cabin was constructed of a metal resembling aluminium, but the actual make of the metal has defied analysis. [redacted] a portion of this metal in his possession and gave it to the Ford man to send to the Dearborne Plant to analyze it. Each of the two ships seen had a crew of two. In the damaged ship the bodies were charred; the other ship's occupants were in a perfect state of preservation although dead. They were uniform height of three feet, uniformly blond, beardless and their teeth were completely free of fillings or cavities. They were dressed in a blue material, unknown on earth, the threads in the cloth seemed to be a sort of wire. They did not wear undergarments, but had their bodies taped. There was a quantity of food in the ship which was in tablet form. This man, [redacted] showed the group, including [redacted] a clock or automatic calendar taken from one of the craft consisting of two pieces of metal together of some unusual type of metal. On the face of one or two pieces of this metal appeared an indentation which rotated around the disk completing a cycle each twenty-eight days. According to the information given [redacted] there are around fifty of these craft that have been found in the United States in a period of two years. Forty of these are in the U.S. Research Bureau in Los Angeles. Mr. [redacted] assumption as to the reason behind the apparent lack of security is that the government desired the information to be spread from unofficial sources until people are more or less familiar with the facts. He feels that the security department of the military fear that the sudden shock of a surprise announcement of the fact that interplanitary travel is possible might cause mass hysteria. Editor of the Kansas City Star

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stated that while they were aware of this story they did not dare put it in the paper because it is too fantastic. Reputation of [redacted]s that he is well known locally and has number of friends at the Kansas City Star. [redacted] not otherwise identified, but can be readily located through Ford Agency in Denver, Colo. Action Taken: Information copies to DO 14 and DO 17 for action. DO 13 will interview [redacted] and make additional inquiries at Kansas City Star. SIGNED [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

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UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(FLYING SAUCERS FROM VENUS
COME TO EARTH)

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE

Report of S/A FREDERICK K. UNGERER, 14th DO, dtd 23 Jan 50, File 24-47

SYNOPSIS

Efforts to locate Dr. [redacted] met with negative results.

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DETAILS:

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

1. The following persons were interviewed and could furnish no identifying data, nor did they know of a scientist Dr. [redacted] (phonetic spelling):

Dr. [redacted], President, Arizona State College
Dr. [redacted], Dean, Arizona State College
Mr. [redacted] Head of Physics Department, Phoenix College
Dr. [redacted], Head of Science Department, Arizona State College
Mr. [redacted], Chemical and Metallurgical Engineer, Phoenix, Arizona.

2. The following directories and/or records of utilities were reviewed and no record of Dr. [redacted] was revealed:

Telephone directories, Phoenix, Chandler, Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale, Glendale, Litchfield Park and Buckeye, Arizona.
City directories for above listed areas
Register for State Board of Engineers
All public utilities, Phoenix, Arizona.

3. Mr. HARMAN E. KEYES, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineer and Commanding Officer, 6808 Organized Reserve, Research and Development Branch, U. S. Army, 508 E. Culver Street, Phoenix, Arizona, stated he has contacted every known experimental laboratory in the State of Arizona in connection with Research and Development work for the Army, and has contacted every available Scientist doing experimental or research work that could be found in the State, and that he had encountered no individual [redacted] any name similar to that. KEYES further stated that he has spent considerable time in locating all persons capable of doing research work that are within the State of Arizona and he does not believe that any person named GRAAUER is in this state.

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(Unclassified) UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT DROPPED FROM SKY (Nebraska Ordnance Plant, Meade, Nebraska) - SPECIAL INQUIRY

Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O,
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Attached for your information is copy of letter from OSI District Office No. 13 transmitting attached Summary of Information received in that office from Fifth Army Intelligence, dated 16 March 1950, concerning captioned subject.

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Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT DROPPED FROM SKY
(Nebraska Ordnance Plant, Meade, Nebraska)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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1. Forwarded for your information and any action deemed appropriate are the attached copies of a report received in this office from the Omaha Field Office, Fifth Army Intelligence.

2. Unless so directed by your Headquarters, this office plans no further action relative to this incident.

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Rpt "Unidentified Object," IFO, 5th Army, dtd 16 Mar 50 (in dup)

Matthew Thompson
MATTHEW THOMPSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
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[illegible] Regional Office, [illegible] Omaha [illegible] Nebraska

SUBJECT

Unidentified Object Dropped From Sky

CODE FOR [illegible]

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 6 March 1950, an Agent of the Fifth Army Regional Office, Omaha, Nebraska, interviewed Mr. [redacted] executive assistant of the Nebraska Ordnance Plant, and Mr. [redacted], Safety and Security Director of the Nebraska Ordnance Plant which is located near Meads, Nebraska. The interviews were secured for the purpose of learning details surrounding an unidentified object which dropped from the sky on a farm about four miles from the ordnance plant on the afternoon of 21 January 1950. The following information was secured:

[redacted] stated that sometime during the period 12 to 18 February 1950 the Fire Marshal of the Nebraska Ordnance Plant came to him and stated that he had received information to the effect that an unidentified object had fallen from the sky on a farm near the plant. The Fire Marshal added that the object was hot when it hit the earth and he reported it because the object, had it fallen in one of the magazines in which ammunition is stored, could have endangered the plant. The Fire Marshal identified the farm on which the object fell as belonging to Mr. [redacted] then telephoned the farm and a hired-hand, Mr. [redacted] brought the object to the ordnance plant. The object was weighed on a conventional scale (pounds and ounces) and it was determined the object weight approximately one pound, two ounces. The object has the appearance of a solid mass of lead, the widest diameter being approximately 3½ inches and the narrowest being approximately 1½ inches. Officials at the plant attempted only cursory examination and the theory was ventured that the object may have been the leaded weight used to weight the end of radio antennas which hang in the slip-stream of flying aircraft so equipped. Identification is by no means certain nor could any satisfactory explanation be given for the small round-headed brass screw contained in a fold of the object. Officials at the Nebraska Ordnance Plant stated that Captain Bartow, Commanding Officer of the plant, intended to take the object to the Field Director of Ammunition Plants at Joliet, Illinois, in the near future for further examination, during the course of his regular tours there. The object was given no special care to prevent mutilation or disfigurement and it has apparently been handled by many individuals since arriving at the Nebraska Ordnance Plant. Interviews were later arranged with Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] during the course of which the following was revealed:

On 21 January 1950, the [redacted] family left the farm to visit a sale. Remaining on the farm was the hired-hand, [redacted] and his wife, who share a small house near that of the owner of the farm. Hansen stated that he had finished his lunch, waited several minutes, and then walked toward the cattle feed lot with the intention of feeding the cattle. Informant added that he crawled through the fence on the east-end of the feed lot and headed toward the cattle at the far end of the lot. As he reached the approximate center of the lot, he stated that he heard an odd, swishing sound, and then saw an object as it struck the ground about ten feet in front of his position. The object bounced about four times, according to his statements, in an uphill, northwesterly direction, coming to a halt about eight or ten feet from the initial point of impact. Informant stated that a light snow, of about one or two inches covered the ground and the object left only a slight depression in the frozen earth at the initial point of contact with the ground. Informant stated that he unthinkingly, automatically moved to the object and picked it up in his bare hand, in which he received superficial burns, due to the heat of the object. Hansen advised that he immediately dropped the object in the same position and the heat from it melted the snow in an approximate radius of two inches around the object. After a period of ten minutes, Informant again picked up the object and carried it to his home where he showed it to his wife. Neither could identify it nor could they state from whence the object came. Hansen stated that he looked at the sky while the object was cooling on the ground but he heard no aircraft. Neither he nor his wife heard any explosion in the vicinity. Informant added that when Mr. Widman returned later in the day Hansen gave the object to him and both puzzled over its identity. A brother-in-law of Mrs. [redacted] arrived the following day and took the object to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he consulted the police in an attempt to reveal its identity. The police could offer no explanation to the events which had transpired nor could they identify the object. Mrs. Widman believes her brother-in-law took the object to the University of Nebraska the same day for examination but information reveals that this would have occurred on Sunday and no information would have been forthcoming regarding the character of the object. It is to be assumed that the object has, as yet, received no complete analysis. The brother-in-law returned the object about five days later and shortly thereafter, a telephone call was received from the Nebraska Ordnance Plant, four miles distant, requesting that the object be turned over to them for examination. This was accomplished during the month of February 1950, and the Nebraska Ordnance Plant has been retaining the object since that time. Hansen stated that a small, round-headed brass machine bolt of approximately 3/16 inches in diameter and approximately ½ inch in length was found to be imbedded in a "fold" of the object. [redacted] said that no "nut" was attached to the bolt nor was the bolt screwed into the material around it, but the bolt was, instead, occupying a length-wise position, held in place only by the metal which covered it. [redacted] presented these observations regarding the atmospheric conditions on the day the object was found: light snow covered the ground to a depth of approximately one or two inches, clear sky, no clouds, bright sun, full visibility. The temperature was believed to be approximately twenty degrees at the time.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he fully trusted Hansen, who has been employed on the farm for about eight months. [redacted] considers Hansen's story to be true and correct and he stated that in the past, Hansen has never been known to purposely concoct a falsehood. [redacted] is twenty-seven years of age and he served in the Sea-Bees for approximately fourteen months during World War II. Hansen has been a resident of Nebraska all his life.

Neighboring farmers to the [redacted] farm were interviewed and none could recall having heard an aircraft on the date in question, nor did any apparently hear any explosion or unusual sounds.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 16 March 1950

PREPARING OFFICE: Fifth Army Regional Office, 1101 Federal Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska

Unidentified Object Dropped From Sky

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Six photographs offered as exhibits include three pictures [illegible] appeared while at the Meads, Nebraska, Nebraska Ordnance Plant, and three pictures of the scene of the occurrance of the incident. On the backs of the photographs will be found sufficient data to explain each photograph.

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On 9 March 1950, the unidentified object was procured from Captain Bartow of the Nebraska Ordnance Plant at Mead, Nebraska, and given to the [illegible] of the Fifth Army Regional Office in Omaha, Nebraska. [illegible] offered for [illegible] and experts [illegible] Omaha, Nebraska, and at the Omaha Municipal Airport [illegible] these experts could identify the object as being a part of an aircraft, of either military or civilian construction. It has been established that the object is [illegible] "fish" which is the term used to identify the weight attached to the antennae of aircraft. Consultation with officials of the United States Weather Bureau [illegible] Nebraska, revealed that weather conditions at Meade, Nebraska, on 21 January were substantially as stated by Informant Hansen. The object will be held in the Fifth Army Regional Office in Omaha, Nebraska, until 31 March 1950, at which time it will be returned to Captain Bartow unless otherwise requested by Bartow or higher Headquarters.

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CHARACTER: SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: RUC Report, same title, DO #17, dated 6 March 1950

SYNOPSIS

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All logical leads have been developed and reported. This investigation will be considered CLOSED in the files of the 15th District, Office of Special Investigations.

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It is believed that with the submission of RUC Report, District Office #17, same title, dated 6 March 1950, all logical leads have been developed and reported. This Investigation will be considered CLOSED in the files of District Office #13, Office of Special Investigations.

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(Unclassified) Unconventional Aircraft, Sioux City, Iowa
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Directorate of Intelligence
ATTN: Lt. Col. Willis

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Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General

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Herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary is copy of Spot Intelligence Report, 13th District, dated 1 February 1951, subject as above.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sioux City, Iowa

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Reference is made to TWX 13 OSI 27, dated 21 January 1951, concerning unconventional aircraft sighted over Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, 20 January 1951, by Controller and Assistant Controller of the airport control tower, who advised pilot of Mid-Continent Airline Flight #9 which was taking off at the time. Object observed by pilot and co-pilot of Flight #9 under conditions of bright moonlight and excellent visibility for a period of approximately fourteen (14) minutes, appeared to be size of B-29 or larger, without rudder or stabilizer with wing well forward with a straight leading edge, and having no visible means of propulsion.

2. DETAILS:

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA

a. This inquiry made upon instructions received from Colonel MATTHEW THOMPSON, District Commander, 13th OSI District (IG), USAF, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, who was a passenger on Mid-Continent Airline Flight #9, departing Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, 2027 hours, 20 January 1951.

b. On 20 January 1951, Special Agent WILLIAM P. SIX was contacted by JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Controller, CAA Control Tower, Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, at 2040 hours. Mr. WILLIAMS advised that he was following the instructions he received from Captain [redacted] of Mid-Continent Airline Flight #9 that departed from the Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, at 2027 hours, and advised that he had something to report.

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c. On 20 January 1951, at 2055 hours, Mr. JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Controller, and Mr. MILLARD H. KEENAN, Assistant Controller, CAA Tower, Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, were interviewed and they both stated substantially as follows:

> At approximately 2020 hours, this date, they observed a very bright light west of the field on an approximate heading of 280 degrees to 285 degrees from the control tower, and at an estimated altitude of 2000 to 3000 feet, at a distance of 2½ to 3½ miles, almost over the four radio towers at Dakota City, Nebraska. This light was very bright and stayed at a very high intensity for approximately 1 to 2 minutes. Mr. WILLIAMS attempted to view the light through field glasses, but could not distinguish any shape or form associated with the light. Mid-Continent Airlines Flight #9 was preparing to take off, and the Captain of the ship was advised of the light, also requested to keep a lookout for it as the tower did not know what it was. Mid-Continent Flight #9 started down the runway (NW - 310 degrees), and the object moved from a hovering position, just mentioned, to a position SW of the field, and at an altitude of about 8000 to 9000 feet, this transition taking approximately 30 seconds. Mid-Continent flight #9 leaving the runway at 2027 hours (CTS), and commenced a climbing turn to the left. While in this attitude the Captain of Flight #9 reported that he could see a very bright star. The control tower advised that the object had moved from its original sighting position to a position SW of the field, and about 9000 feet, above the position of the Mid-Continent Plane Flight #9. The Captain reported that he had the object in view, and that it appeared to be a very large military aircraft, requesting if the tower had knowledge of any in the area, also if there were any jets in the area. The tower advised the Captain that there were none that they had been advised of. Flight #9 continued in a turning attitude and climbing. When approximately south of the field, the Captain of Flight #9 reported that the object was flying a loose formation with his ship. At this position the tower lost sight of the object due to an emergency landing operation with a Cessna Airplane, type 140, approximate time was 2033 hours (CTS). At 2031 hours the Captain of Flight #9 advised the tower that he was approaching the field from the SE on a NW heading, and that the object was now on his tail. The tower saw the object, and Flight #9 continued on across the field, the object remaining in a position East of the field at an estimated altitude of 2000 feet to 3000 feet, 1 to 2 miles away. Flight #9 started a right turn just prior to reaching

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the river (Missouri) and came to a heading of almost East, then turning to the left, and when almost out of the turn (to an approximate heading of SW) the object departed from its hovering position, East of the field, and at a high rate of speed. It passed directly under Flight #9, at approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the altitude of Flight #9, heading NW and passed out of view at approximately 2034 hours (CTS). Further sightings of unidentified objects not made. At approximately 2036 hours an airplane of the Beechcraft type arrived at the station and landed, closing flight plan from Minneapolis. Mr. KEENAN handled this operation, and stated that he had knowledge of the Beechcraft and the object, and could locate them in different positions in this area at the same simultaneous moment as the Beechcraft was in the landing pattern while the object was passing out of sight to the NW.

d. Weather observation report for the Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, was obtained from the Weather Bureau Station at the Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, at approximately 2100 hours (CTS): Clear, 15 miles visibility, temperature plus 7 degrees, dew point minus 4, wind northwest 7 miles per hour, altimeter setting 30.53. Observation made at 2030 hours (CTS). Winds aloft, observation made at 2055 hours, 20 January 1951, is as follows:

Altitude	Direction	Velocity
2000	350	14
3000	340	17
4000	330	19
5000	330	19
6000	330	20
7000	320	21
8000	320	22
9000	310	23

(Note: Altitudes listed above are corrected to sea level)

e. Mid-Continent Airline Flight #9, departure time recorded as 2031 hours (CTS), with a take-off time of 2027 hours. Pilot and Co-pilot we[redacted]and[redacted]respectively. Hostess recorded as Miss [redacted], all based at Kansas City, Missouri. Passengers on the flight were: Boarded at Watertown, South Dakota, [redacted] Castlewood, South Dakota; and Mr[redacted]Lincoln, Nebraska. The following persons boarded at Huron, South [redacted] SE, Huron, South Dako[redacted]Omaha, Nebraska. Names of other passengers not available at this time.

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f. Airplane, Cessna type 140, N-1810V, arriving Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, at 2033 hours (CTS), piloted by Mr. ROBERT E. JONES, 4001 Polk Street NE, Minneapolis 21, Minnesota.

g. Airplane, Beechcraft type Bonanza, N-3137V, arriving Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, at 2036 hours (CTS), piloted by Mr. C. A. CRUM, 1325 Glenarm Street, Denver, Colorado.

h. In a telephone conversation with Colonel MATTHEW THOMPSON, District Commander, 13th OSI District (IG), USAF, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, advised Special Agent SIX, on 20 January 1951, at approximately 2300 hours, that he and Special Agent [redacted], were passengers on the Mid-Continent Airline Flight #9 that departed Sioux City at 2030 hours. The Colonel further stated that he did not see the object, and so far as he knows no one else on Flight #9 saw it except the pilot and co-pilot and Special Agent [redacted] who advised that he saw lights which he believed at the time to be those of another plane.

i. On 20 January 1951, Special Agent SIX accompanied Mr. T. JAY ALBERTSON, Chief Controller, CAA Tower, Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, to the Operations Room of the 174th Fighter Squadron, Iowa Air National Guard, Sioux City Municipal Airport, where he transmitted a report in accordance with CAA directives in regard to this incident. The title of this regulation is as follows: JANAP - 146(A), RESTRICTED, COMMUNICATION INSTRUCTIONS for REPORTING VITAL INTELLIGENCE SIGHTING from AIRCRAFT. (CIRVIS). This regulation ordered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Commissions Electronic Committee, Washington 25, D. C., published or dated September 1950. Report was transmitted to the CG, CONAC, Mitchell AFB, SEC DEF Washington, and the nearest Military District. This report transmitted to Denver Flight Service by "Long-Line" for transmission to the aforementioned departments.

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

j. On 21 January 1951, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] pilots of the Mid-Continent plane which had observed the object in the sky were interviewed at the Kansas City Municipal Airport.

k. Mr. [redacted], Mission, Kansas, pilot of the plane, advised that the object was first sighted on takeoff at the Sioux City Airport after their attention had been directed to the object by the control tower. The time was approximately 2026 hours, 20 January 1951. At first there was only a light, described as between red and orange, visible at a distance estimated to be four miles and at an altitude of approximately 8000 feet from the ground. The light was in

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a southwesterly direction at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizon. As their airplane left the ground, and in coordination with the tower operator, they circled to their left or in a west to south direction and the object circled with them at a distance estimated at four miles and with an estimated speed of a jet, keeping abreast or ahead of their plane at a wider arc. Their plane at the time was traveling approximately 120 miles per hour. As their plane continued circling toward an easterly direction, the object blinked lights which appeared like normal running lights on a plane but the blinking appeared as if it were manually controlled. When the object reached a point due east of their plane, which was then headed east, there appeared a single bright light similar to a landing light which was visable only a short time, and as their plane began circling toward the north the object suddenly made a sharp 90 degree turn and descended at them, crossing in front and above their plane, and took up a position on their left approximately 200 feet away, traveling in the same direction and at the same speed. The object remained in this position approximately two or three seconds and then disappeared below their plane and was not seen again. Mr. [redacted] stated that the tower advised that the object was following just below them, but they could not maneuver their plane so as to observe the object again, and shortly thereafter continued their scheduled flight to Omaha, Nebraska. The total time of observation of the object was estimated to be about four minutes.

l. When the object made its descent on their plane and took its position on their left, Mr. [redacted] stated it appeared to be as large as a B-29 to one and one-half the size of a B-29. The fuselage appeared to be cigar shaped and the wing was long and slender, mounted well forward on the fuselage, and the edge was straight across and gave the appearance of a cigar that had been flattened. The wing was described as mounted from mid to high on the fuselage, and there were no engine nacelles visable. The wing had the appearance of a glider wing. No lights were visible when the object was along side their ship, and no forms or objects could be seen in the object. Mr. [redacted] stated he did not observe any rudder or stabilizers on the rear of the object's fuselage.

m. All during the observation of the object the weather conditions were described as a clear moonlight night.

n. Mr. [redacted] stated he observed no evidence of any exhaust; could not determine the object's means of propulsion; heard no noise other than the engines of their own plane; and received no interference on their radio at any time while talking with the tower even when the object was in their immediate vicinity.

o. Mr. [redacted] stated the object appeared to always be under perfect control and moved at will, varying in speed from high speed down to the climbing speed of their plane which was 120 MPH. The object did not flutter or oscillate, and it maintained a stable position at all

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time observed. The object appeared able to maneuver with great ease and could turn, slow down and speed up in a manner never observed in any type of conventional aircraft before observed by Mr. [redacted]

p. Mr. [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas, Co-Pilot of the plane, stated in substance the same as Mr. [redacted] regarding his observation of the object.

q. Mr. [redacted]rther stated that the amazing thing to him was when the object went from a position judged to be 2 miles ahead and 4000 feet above their plane, to a position almost along side them, and then come directly at them at a terrific speed and take up a position next to them and on their left.

r. During the time their plane was making its circle after takeoff, and the object was to their right at a distance estimated at 2 or 3 miles away and a height of 8000 feet, it was estimated to be traveling at a speed of 500 MPH.

s. On 22 January 1951, Mr [redacted] made a signed statement, a True Copy of which is attached as Inclosure No. 1.

t. On 22 January 1951, Mr. [redacted] made a signed statement, a True Copy of which is attached as Inclosure No. 2.

u. Attached as Inclosure No. 3 is True Copy of joint statement signed on 22 January 1951, by JOHN M. WILLIAMS, Air Traffic Controller, and MILLARD H. KEENAN, Assistant Air Traffic Controller, Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa.

v. Also attached as Inclosures #4 through #9 are photostatic copies of sketches and newspaper clippings regarding the incident.

3. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigation, pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject: "Unconventional Aircraft", dated 8 February 1950.

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MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

9 Incls:
- #1 - True cy signed statement of [redacted] 22 Jan 51.
- #2 - True cy signed statement [redacted] 22 Jan 51.
- #3 - True cy signed statement of JOHN M. WILLIAMS and MILLARD H. KEENAN, 22 Jan 51.

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#4 - Photostatic cy of sketch of object.
#5 - Photostatic cy of sketch prepared by BACHMEIR showing flight of object.
#6 - Photostatic cy of sketch showing flight of object in relation to map of area.
#7 - Photostatic cy of item from Sioux City Journal, 22 Jan 51.
#8 - Photostatic cy of item from Sioux City Journal-Tribune, 22 Jan 51.
#9 - Photostatic cy of item from Kansas City Star, 22 Jan 51.

cc (in dupl): Intel Dept, AMC
THRU: DO #5

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Kansas City, Missouri
22 January 1951

On 20 January 1951, at 2026 hours, I was piloting a Mid Continent DC-3 aircraft and was taking off in a north west direction at the Sioux City, Iowa Airport assisted by [redacted] Co-Pilot, when our attention was called by the control tower operator, to an object in the sky to the west of the field. The object at first appeared to be between a red or an orange light and I would estimate that it was approximately 4 miles away at an altitude of approximately 8,000 feet, at a 45 degree angle.

As our plane left the ground, and at the request of the control tower operator, we started our climb and circled in a counter clock wise direction. Our speed during the climb was approximately 120 miles per hour. The object was moving in a wider arc around us going in the same direction. When the object reached a point southeast of our plane, it blinked some lights which appeared like normal running lights on a plane but the blinking appeared as if it were manually controled. When the object reached a point due east of the direction that our plane was headed, there appeared a single bright light similar to a landing light which was visible only a short time and as our plane began circling toward the north, the object suddenly made a sharp 90 degree turn and desended toward our plane at a terrific speed, crossing over and in front of our plane. The next thing I knew, the object was on our left, traveling in the same direction, about 200 feet from our left wing and at the same speed. The object remained in this position approximately two or three seconds and then disappeared below our plane and was not seen again. The tower advised that the object was following just below our plane but we could not maneuver our plane so as to observe it again, and continued on our scheduled flight to Omaha.

The object appeared to be as large as a B-29 to one and one half times the size of a B-29. The fuselage appeared to be cigar shaped and the wing was long and slender, mounted well forward on the fuselage and the edge was straight across. The wing was mounted from mid to high on the fuselage and looked like a glider wing. There were no nacelles visible. I did not observe any rudders or stabilizers on the object. I observed no evidence of any exhause; could not determine its means of propulsion; heard no noise other than our own planes engines; and received no interference on our radio.

The object appeared to always be under perfect control, and moved at will, varying in speed from very high speed down to the climbing speed of our plane.

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William Durrett
S/A OSI

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EARL E. SPARKS
Captain, USAF

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Kansas City, Kans
22 Jan 1951

Captain [redacted] and myself, [redacted] were the crew departing Kansas City on Mid Continent Flight 76 at 0750 January 20. We terminated the flight at Minneapolis at about 1230 after making stops at Des Moines, Waterloo, and Rochester. We arrived an hour late due to head winds. Other than that the flight was normal.

We departed Minneapolis on schedule at 1635, after a four hour rest during which time I visited my mother and some friends of the family in St Paul. Enroute on Flt 9 we made scheduled stops at ~~Wather~~ Watertown, Huron, Sioux Falls and Sioux City, operating close to scheduled time.

When ~~taxing~~ out at Sioux City, the tower operator advised us of an object he had sighted west of the field and asked us to investigate. We took off

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and immediately spotted the object west of the field at an estimated altitude of 8000' and about three miles distant. The object's path of flight was in an arc from a position west of the field through south and to a position east of the field. We took off northwest and made a turn inside the object to the left until he was directly ahead of us on an easterly heading at an estimated altitude of 8000' and about two miles ahead of us. At this point we were 4000' climbing at an indicated airspeed of 120 MPH.

Just before getting him in a position directly ahead of us we noticed three blinking lights (red, green, white) that blinked about 6 times and appeared to have been operated manually. Then as the object was directly ahead of us we noticed a white, bright light

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similar in intensity to one of our landing lights. This light lasted only a couple of seconds, but seemed to be coming from where I would judge to be the side of the fuselage; although at the distance he was from us that would be hard to ascertain.

Up until this point I would judge the speed of the object to be somewhere between 400 and 500 MPH.

Now at this point when the object was ahead of us about two miles and about 4000' above, it seemed to make a 90° turn to the right and then come directly at us at a terrific speed, which I wouldn't try to estimate, and suddenly take up a position about 200' to the left of us and stay with us at our speed for a few seconds. It seemed to have a cigar shaped fuselage about the length of a B29 and a straight wing almost as long mounted slightly

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forward of the center of the plane. There seemed to be no tail members nor any evidence of engines or propellers. The plane dropped below and behind us until I lost sight of it. We informed the ~~twer~~ tower operator and wer'e told he was directly below us but we were never able to see it again. After manouvering around in an attempt to see it again, we took up our course for Omaha and continued our scheduled flight.

/s/ [redacted]

A TRUE COPY:

Earl E. Sparks

EARL E. SPARKS
Captain, USAF

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I, John M. Willams, Airport Traffic Controller and Millard H. Keenan, Assistant Airport Traffic Controller were on duty at the Sioux City Airport Traffic Control Tower at Sioux City Municipal Airport, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa from 1600C to 2400C January 20, 1951 and observed the following:

At approximately 2020C a bright light was observed from the control tower. When first noticed the light appeared to be approximately 2,000 feet above the surface on a bearing of approximately 285° from the tower and about 2½ to 3 miles away. This light appeared to be stationery and of extreme brilliance for a period of one to two minutes, then gradually began to fade. At this time Mid-Continent Airlines Flight Nine was given taxi instructions for takeoff and was then advised of the light the tower had in sight. The pilot was unable to locate the light which had faded to a dull glow and was climbing rapidly in a southerly direction. At approximately eight or nine thousand feet and a distance of about four miles the light appeared to become stationery again southwest of the airport. Mid-Continent Airlines Flight Nine took off northwest at 2027C and made a left turn. The tower then advised as to the light's position. Within a few seconds the Mid-Continent Pilot sighted the object. The pilot then turned to a southerly heading and advised the tower the object appeared to be a very large military aircraft. The pilot asked if there were any jet aircraft in the vicinity. The tower then replied there were not any known jet aircraft in the vicinity of the airport. At this time N1810V, a Cessna Model 140 called the tower and advised he was low on fuel and was making an emergency landing at Sioux City. The Cessna was immediately given landing instructions and landed at 2032C. Also, at approximately the same time N 3137V, a Beechcraft Bonanza called for landing instructions and landed at 2036C. At approximately 2030C Mid-Continent Airlines Flight Nine advised the object was flying a loose formation with him. Mid-Continent Airlines Flight Nine was at an approximate altitude of 2500 feet on a northeast heading about one mile southeast of the airport. The pilot asked if the tower had the object in sight. The object could not be observed from the tower. Mid-Continent Airlines Flight Nine then took up a northwest heading circling directly over the tower, advising at the same time the object was directly on their tail. At approximately 2031C the object was observed apparently following Mid-Continent Airlines Flight Nine just before Flight Nine passed over the tower. The pilot then took up a northeast heading and asked for the position of the object. The tower advised the object was in sight about a mile and a half due east of the tower at an estimated altitude of 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the ground apparently in a stationery position. The object then began to move at a high rate of speed in a northwesterly direction. The pilot of Flight Nine again ask the position of the object and the direction it was traveling. The tower advised that the object was approximately half way between Mid-Continent Airline Flight Nine's altitude and the ground and was moving very rapidly in a northwesterly direction. Mid-Continent Airline Flight Nine then proceeded on course to Omaha, Nebraska at approximately 2034C. The object was last sighted from the tower at 2034C headed in a northwesterly direction.

The foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Date January 22, 1951

/s/ John M. Williams
John M. Williams

/s/ Millard H. Keenan
Millard H. Keenan

A TRUE COPY:
Earl E. Sparks
EARL E. SPARKS
Captain, USAF

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Appearance of Object when
along Mid Continent plane

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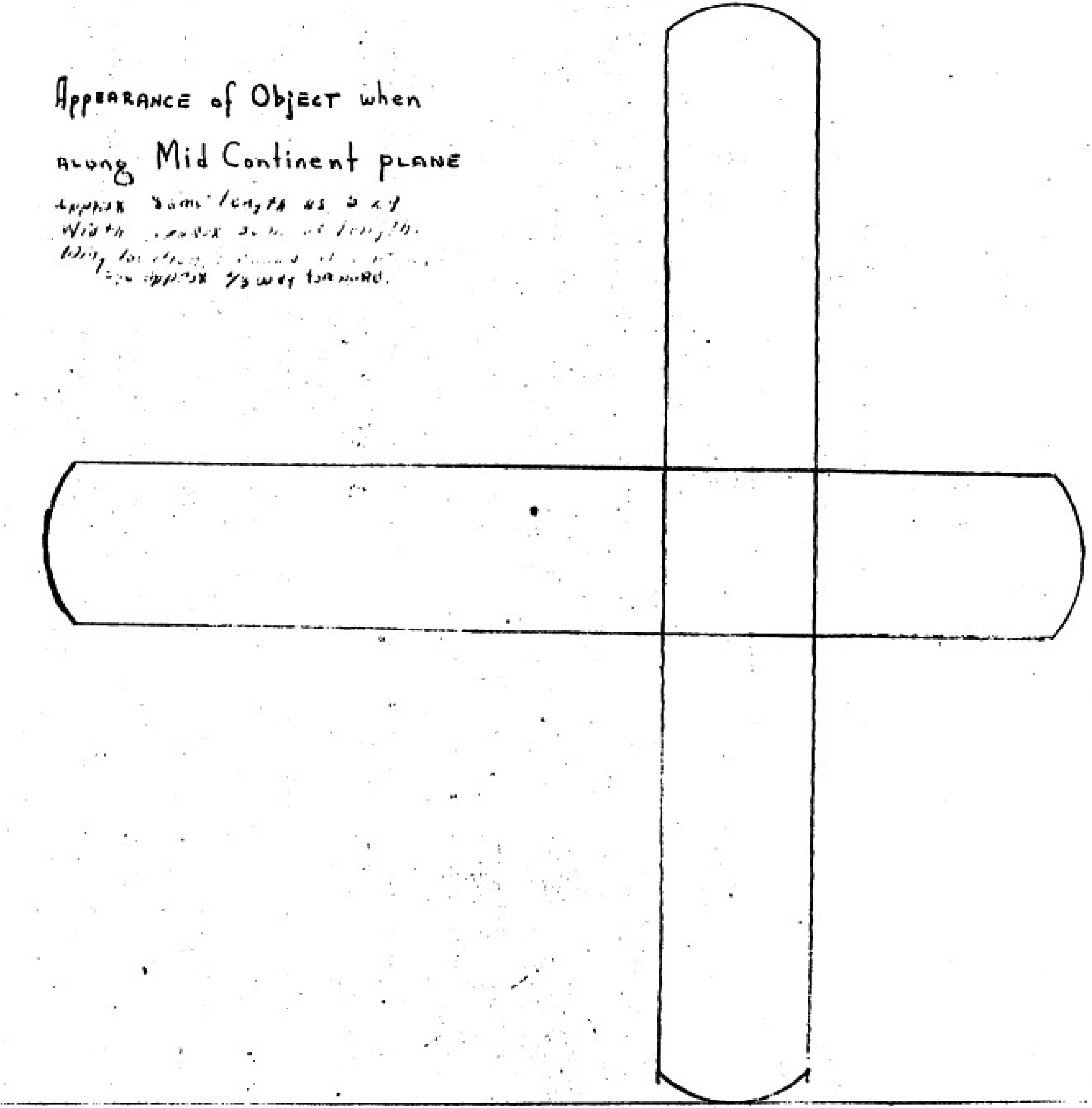

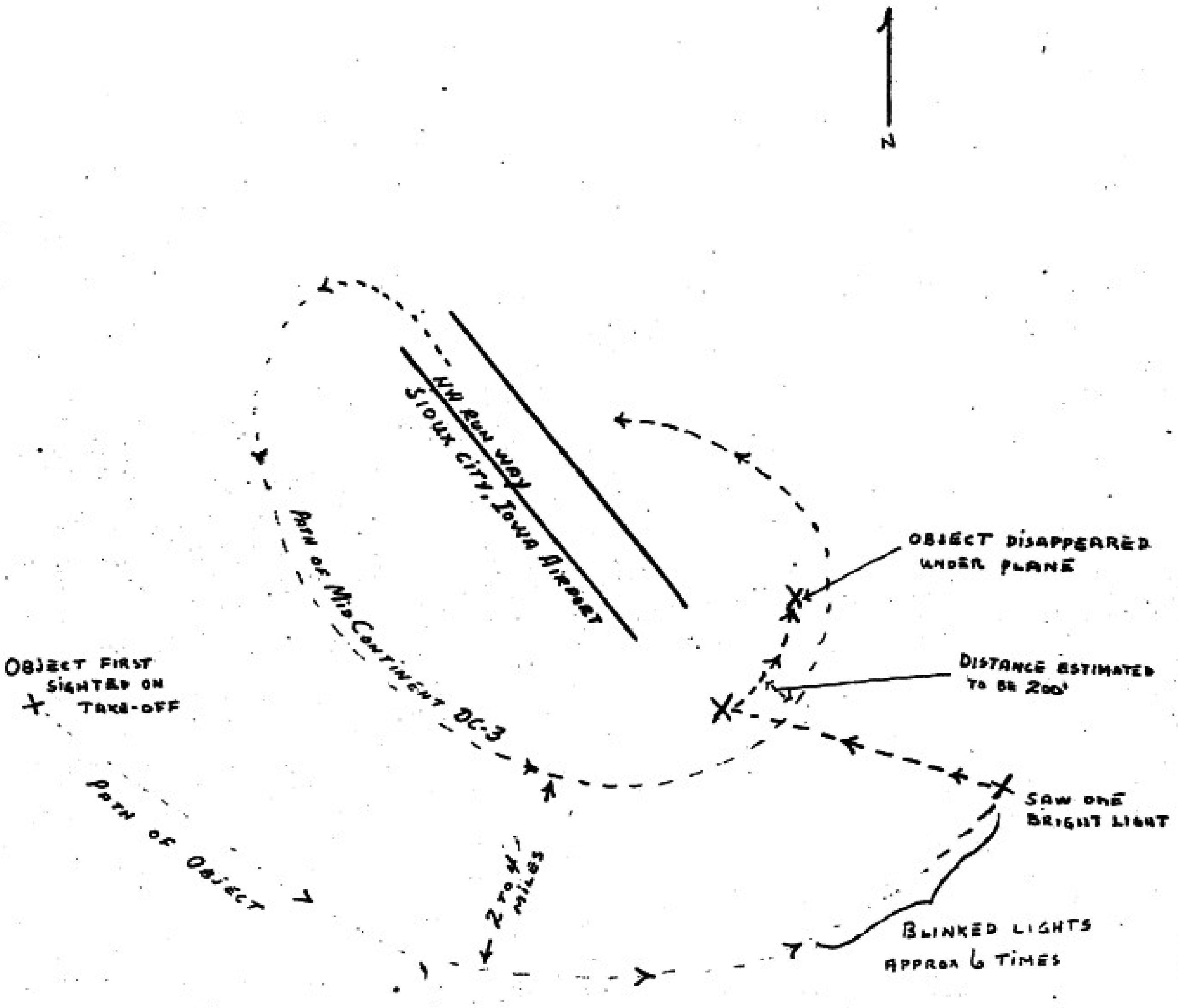
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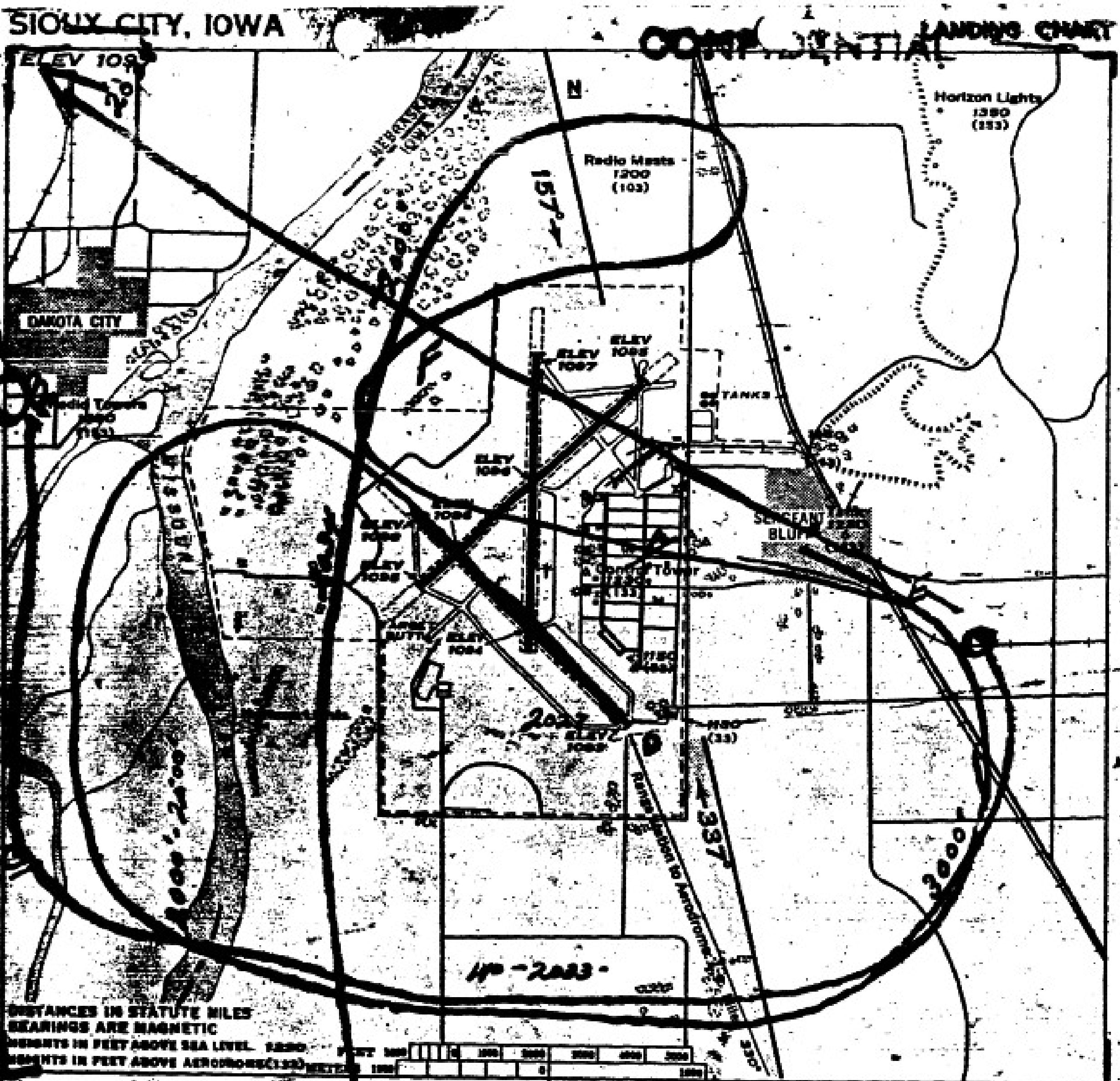
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C - " " " #2 "
D - " " #40 LANDING
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Sight Strange [illegible] Over Sioux [illegible] Tricks New to Pilots

Airline Flier Describes Amazing Performance by Huge Ship

Kansas City. — (AP) — A veteran airline pilot Sunday night told of seeing a strange aircraft Saturday night that did something "you just can't do with airplanes today."

Larry W. Vinther of Kansas City, Mid-Continent airline pilot who has been flying 17 years and has been with Mid-Continent seven years, said the incident occurred over Sioux City.

He described the strange plane as about "one and a half times the size of a B-29, with a long, slender fuselage, long straight wings set further forward than a B-29s."

"There were no engine mountings on the wings and I saw no exhaust glow," Vinther said. "The wings were straight, not swept back like on the B-47 and other jet bombers, and there were no jet pods visible."

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Vinther said his DC-3 was doing 130 miles an hour and the other craft was going faster than that in the opposite direction.

"I had just turned my head from watching him go past our wing when there he was again, flying right beside us about 300 feet to our left, going in the same direction we were," he said.

Vinther said that's what mystified him because "you just can't turn an airplane around that fast at that speed."

The strange plane flew alongside about four seconds then eased off below the DC-3, "and we lost him," the pilot said.

Vinther's flight stayed overnight at Omaha. He said he checked the airbase at Offutt field there and learned there were no airforce jet planes scheduled in that area.

Attempts to learn further details concerning the strange aircraft reported over Sioux City were unavailing here Sunday night. A Mid-Continent airlines official said that as far as he knew no one at the municipal airport at Sergeant Bluff had seen the aircraft.

Other sources, however, declined comment.

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Startling Performance of Strange Plane Over City Related by Fliers

Airline Pilot, Air Guard Captain Tell of Amazing Speed

Reports grew Monday of an amazing performance by a strange aircraft over Sioux City.

Larry D. Vinther of Kansas City, a veteran airline pilot, told of seeing a plane over the city Saturday night that did something "you just can't do with airplanes of today." His account told of how the plane passed him once in the opposite direction, then in an unbelievable short time passed him again going in the same direction.

Monday Capt. Richard Baugh of the 174th fighter squadron of the air national guard, disclosed he had a similar experience a month or so ago.

Capt. Baugh, like Vinther, was impressed by the bright light on the tail of the fuselage of the strange plane and its speed.

"It had more speed than anything I ever saw before," Capt. Baugh said Monday at Vermillion, S. D., where he is a senior in journalism at the University of South Dakota. His home is here at 2300 Douglas street.

Chase Fails

Capt. Baugh, who at the time was up in a TC-3, said that he attempted to chase the mysterious plane, but it circled and outclimbed him. He lost it as it disappeared to the northwest.

Capt. Baugh said that the night of his experience was so dark that he could not describe the plane other than its bright light and speed.

See PLANE on Page 5

Plane

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Keith Armold, Sioux manager of Mid-Continent airlines, Vinther's employer, said that he had been unable to learn any more details. However, he said that James Yanney, 1100 S. Glass street, had notified him of seeing a plane with particularly bright lights at the same time as Vinther.

Gives Description

Vinther has been flying 17 years, seven with Mid-Continent.

The Associated Press said that Vinther described the plane as about "one and a half times the size of a B-29, with a long, slender fuselage, long straight wings set farther forward than a B-29's."

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"As I was getting tower clearance to take off from the Sioux City field at 8:26 o'clock," Vinther said, "the tower asked us to check on the strange light in the sky."

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Spot report details unconventional air craft reported by control tower, Sioux City Municipal Air Port, Iowa, at 2020 hours CST 20 January 1951. John M. Williams, Tower Controller, and Millard H. Keenan, Assistant Tower Controller, reported first sighting at above time at varying altitudes estimated at from 2000 to 3000 feet. Observation was visual and with field glasses. Maneuvers varied from hovering position at about 2000 feet to rapid acceleration to altitude of about 3000 feet, then rapid descent to fly loose formation with 9, Mid-Continent Airlines, which had just taken off from airport. Object remained in vicinity approximately 14 minutes and disappeared flying course Northwest directly underneath commerical plane. Shape and size could not be noted by control tower personnel but appearance was that of large military airplane. Weather conditions were clear. Williams and Keenan considered reliable witnesses. Report of incident made by J. Albertson, Chief Tower Controller, Sioux City, to Denver flight service for transmission to CONAC, Mitchel AFB, Secretary of Defense, Washington, and Commanding General, nearest military distric[redacted] pilot, and [redacted]Co-pilot, Flight 9, state time object obser[redacted] as 2026 hours CST in bright moonlight. Vinther noted light between red and orange in color at estimated distance of 4 miles at about 3000 feet altitude. In coordination with tower operator, [redacted] circled to left in westerly direction and object also circled, maintaining distance and keeping abreast or ahead of airplane in wide arc. Airplane continued circling to South and then East and, as it approached easterly bearing, object blinked lights similar to running lights but blinking appeared to be manually controlled.

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As object reached a point due east of airplane. A bright light similar to landing light was visible for a short time. Airplane continued circling to north and object made sudden short turn of 90 degrees and descended toward airplane at high speed, crossing in front and above airplane. Object then took position approximately 200 feet off left side of airplane and slightly aft as in a loose formation. Object remained in this position for 2 to 3 seconds then disappeared below airplane and was not seen again. Object described by [redacted] the time it assumed position as from equal to 1 and ½ times the size of B-29 airplane. Fuselage appeared cigar shaped and wing was long and slender, well forward and straight across, looking like a flattened cigar. Wing was from middle to high on fuselage. No engine nacelles visible and wing appeared as a glider wing. No light were noted on object at this time and no forms of other object could be noted. No rudders or stabilizers were seen on object which appeared always under perfect control, moving at will at speeds varying from high rate to climbing speed of airplane, 120 miles per hour. Object did not flutter or oscillate and maintained stable position at all times observed and was able to maneuver with great ease, reportedly turning, slowing down, speeding up, in a manner never before observed by Vinther, ex-Navy pilot. Both [redacted] and [redacted] considered reliable witnesses. District Commander, 13th District OSI, and S/A Sparks, same district, were passengers on Flight 9, Mid-Continent Airlines, at this time. S/A Sparks, shortly after take-off from Sioux City, noted what he believed were running lights of another airplane to rear left of Flight 9. Nothing unusal noted by District Commander or other passengers. Data required by ASCSI Letter No. 85 being obtained and will be forwarded earliest.

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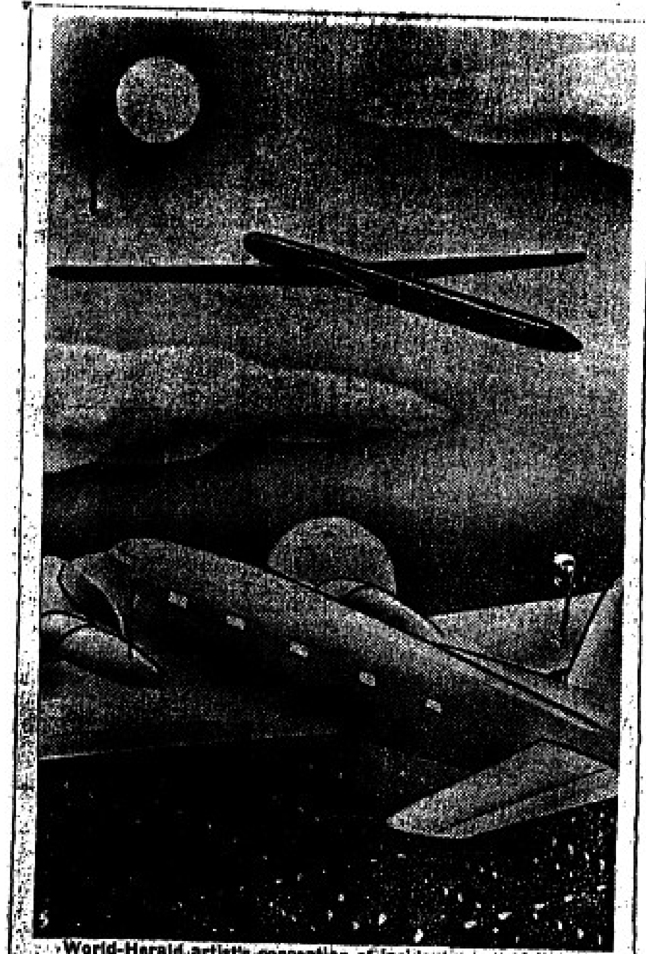

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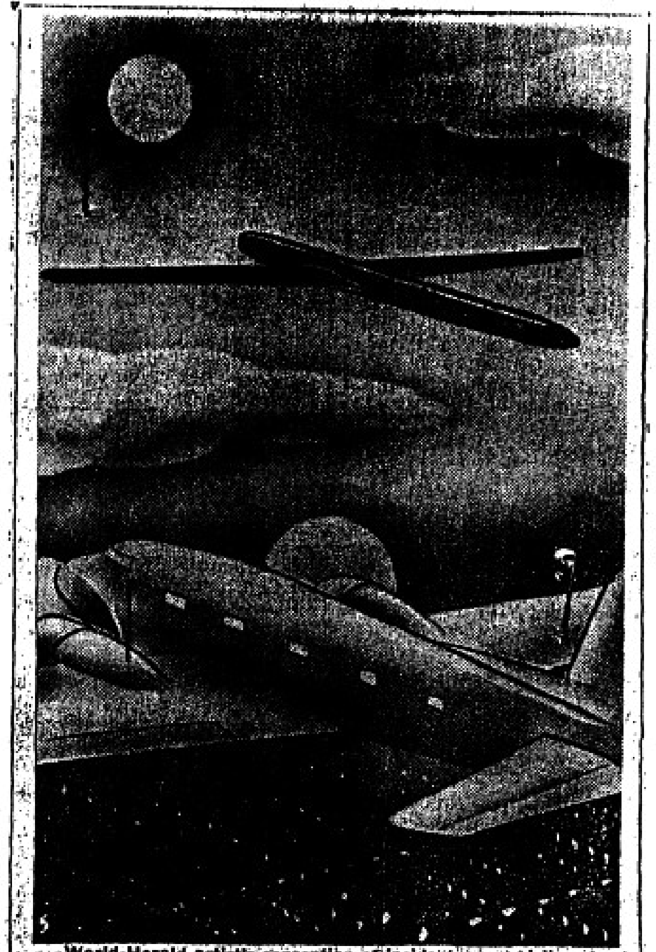

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Mystery Craft Stumps Two Observers by Speed, Tactics

By Paul Williams

An official investigation ap- parently was being made [illegible] day of the "very interesting [illegible] unidentifiable aircraft that two experienced airline pilots said they saw in the sky [illegible] City [illegible]

Larry W. Vinther [illegible] and James F. Bachmeier [illegible] pilots of Mid-Continent Airlines Flight [illegible] told The World-Herald in [illegible] telephone interview [illegible]

[illegible] they taxied out to take [illegible] from the Sioux City field, the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower operator called their attention to something in the sky northeast of the field, asked them to investigate it.

They first saw the craft as they left the ground, at 8:28 p. m. They took off to the north, began a climbing turn to the left. The other craft was describing a circle in the same direction, "two to four miles" outside them, and about seven thousand feet above.

In bright moonlight, the pilots—especially Mr. Bachmeier—saw the unusual machine throughout a circuit of the field. It traveled about four times as far as they did in the same period of time. Its speed then was about five hundred miles an hour—"within the capability of a fast jet."

The pilots saw red and green lights—similar to conventional airplane navigation lights—flashing followed by a bright white light which lasted a second or so.

Then the mystery craft "seemed to turn right about 90 degrees, and then flew right at us."

It passed in front of the airliner, dropped back to a position off the left wing, perhaps two hundred feet away, [illegible] remained about 20 [illegible] appeared to have [illegible] a B-29, about one hundred feet long, but with no turrets, gunners' "blisters," windows or other [illegible]. There was a [illegible] about the same [illegible]

[illegible] pilot saw any tail, [illegible] or horizontal stabilizer. "It looked like something you wouldn't think would fly," Mr. [illegible] the airliner [illegible] Mr. Bach- [illegible] the ma- [illegible] would have been im- possible in a conventional plane."

The craft dropped under them and disappeared then, and they were unable to find it again.

Arriving at Kansas City Sunday morning after a layover in Omaha, the pilots were interviewed by an investigator from the Air Force Office of Special Investigation.

Mr. Vinther, 32, has logged eight thousand hours in the air. He flew with the Air Transport Command before joining Mid-Continent seven years ago. Mr. Bachmeier, 30, has logged six thousand hours with the Navy, Trans-World Airlines and Mid-Continent.

John Williams, operator in charge of the Sioux City tower at the time of the incident, refused to talk to a reporter. Arnie Leathers, Mr. Williams's superior in Kansas City first agreed to give Mr. Williams authority to talk, then called back to say: "Frankly, it has been made the subject of an official report, and as such it is restricted."

Col. Matthew Thompson, who is in the OSI at Offutt Air Force Base, was aboard the Mid-Continent plane. He said he was asleep at the time, "and OSI cannot make any comment."

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft, Sioux City, Iowa, Municipal Airport
Sighted 30 March 1950

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
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1. **SYNOPSIS:** On 30 March 1950, several persons of Sioux City, Iowa, were reported to have seen and observed unidentified objects in the air, south and west of the city. Inquiry of personnel at the Weather Bureau and the Air National Guard, Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, revealed that seven (7) persons at the airport and three (3) persons in Sioux City proper are alleged to have seen round, brilliant objects in the air on 30 March 1950. Reports of the objects having been seen at approximately 0800, 0930, and 1300 were received at the National Guard Control Tower.

Preliminary investigation revealed that positive identification of the objects sighted could not be made by spectators; however, one person stated that it appeared to be a spot, like the reflection of a mirror against the sky. Another expressed the belief that it was entirely possible that the object he saw was a natural phenomenon caused by the reflection of the sun's rays against a shallow layer of moist air, which predominated in that area on that date.

2. **DETAILS:** Preliminary investigation and inquiry was made at the Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, relative to the sighting of unidentified objects, allegedly seen in the vicinity of the airport, seven miles south and west of Sioux City, Iowa, and the following disclosed:

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Lt. Col. Charles G. TESCHNER, Liaison Officer, Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that six (6) persons assigned to the Air National Guard Unit, Sioux City, Iowa, reported that they had seen a bright object moving in a northwesterly direction on 30 March 1950, at approximately 1300 hours. Shortly afterward, stated TESCHNER, he went up on a routine training flight, and did not see anything unusual. No official report was made of the incident and no official search was made for the alleged sighted object.

Sgt. Alphonse VERZANI (NG), Operation Specialist and Control Tower Operator, Air National Guard, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that sightings of unusual objects, reportedly sighted at approximately 0800, 0930, and 1300 hours, 30 March 1950, were reported to him during the day. VERZANI stated he reported his findings to reporters of the Sioux City Journal-Tribune, Sioux City, Iowa.

According to VERZANI, the first calls he received were from a Dr. [redacted] Veterinarian, [redacted] Tankage Worke [redacted] tock Yards Worker, all of Sioux City, Iowa. [redacted] reported he was watching geese in flight to the south-west of Sioux City when he sighted a stationery object with a metallic sheen, having the appearance of a straight edge. He reported that he viewed the object with binoculars from 0935 to about 0945, and that it moved south and west toward Jackson, Nebraska. [redacted] reported that he called the attention of [redacted] nd [redacted] viewed the object. [redacted] described the obje [redacted] slow in speed, 3 to 4 inches across, moving to the south and west, resembling the blunt edge of a ruler, and did not leave any vapor trail. [redacted] also remarked that he could not see the object through the binoculars. [redacted] escribed the object as round, and not shaped like a straight edge, traveling south-east and then north-west at a high altitude. All three agreed that they viewed the object for more than 10 minutes, and that it was of a brilliant hue. VERZANI related that later in the day Mr. [redacted] JESKE, Weather Observer at the Municipal Airport, reported that about 0800 on 30 March 1950 he had seen an object of undetermined size which had no speed or motion, that it was white, and at an altitude of about ten (10) to twenty (20) thousand feet. VERZANI further advised that members of the Air National Guard Unit reported at about 1300, six (6) men reportedly had observed a round, bright object following an airplane north and west over the airport.

Mr. Leo JESKE, Meteorological Aide, Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, stated in an interview that at 0846, 30 March 1950, he was standing about 400 feet south-east of the Control Tower at the Municipal Airport and noticed a bright, off-colored white object, round in shape, 10,000 to 12000 feet high, and 3 to 5 feet in diameter (assuming that it was at the

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altitude given), no visible movement, and watched it for about one (1) minute. JESKE went on to say that it is his usual habit, being a weather observer, to look at the sky often, and that when he first saw the object he assumed that it was a weather balloon, but discounted that theory as the last one released had been at 0302 that morning and was black in color. JESKE stated that the object did not disappear but still remained there after he viewed it for about one minute. JESKE stated that after checking the weather conditions for that day, that it is possible that the object he saw was a "Parhelion," or image of the sun, sometimes referred to as "mock sun," which can be either colored or white. JESKE explained that "mock suns" are brought about by the reflection of the sun on a shallow layer of moist air which has not reached saturation point or turned to clouds. This condition was prevalent on 30 March, according to JESKE. Source concluded that it is entirely possible for the sun's rays to reflect from another surface, such as an airplane, and cause the same effect above the airplane if the person viewing it were on the ground.

M/Sgt Leroy A. WAGNER, 1st Sgt, NG-39572665, Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, stated that at about 1310, 30 March 1950, he was standing at the north-west corner of Bldg. 616, Municipal Airport, Sioux City, Iowa, and noticed what appeared at first to be a parachute, to the rear and above a T-6 NG airplane, which was flying west over the airport. According to WAGNER, he called the attention of several others to the object and they viewed the object for about four (4) minutes. The other persons who saw the object were [redacted] and [redacted] described the object as round, resembling the reflection of a round mirror on a flat surface, about one-eighth (1/8) the size of the fuselage of a T-6 airplane, brilliant white in color, traveling at the rate of about 90 mph (same as the speed of the aircraft). WAGNER went on to say that the object followed behind and above the aircraft for about four minutes, then, when the plane made a left bank, the object made a quick right turn and disappeared from sight at a terrific rate of speed. WAGNER concluded by saying that he would have thought the object was a reflection of light, but discounted that theory because there were no clouds or other substances in the air for anything to reflect from.

3. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigation, pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 88, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 February 1950.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Mr. ROY J. [illegible]EIG (Witness)
Rapid City, South Dakota

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Radio station KOTA, Rapid City, South Dakota, announced on 4 April 1950 that Mr. [redacted] had observed a flying disc just outside of Rapid City, South Dakota, on 21 March 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 4 April 1950, at approximately 2145 hours (MST), radio station KOTA, Rapid City, South Dakota, announced during its news broadcast that Mr. [redacted] Construction Superintendent for the MacDonald Engineering Company, had observed a flying disc at approximately 1130 hours (MST) on 21 March 1950, just outside of Rapid City, South Dakota. On 5 April 1950, [redacted] was interviewed by the writer and stated that he had not mentioned the matter sooner for fear of ridicule from fellow employees and friends. He further advised that on 21 March 1950, while he was working in his temporary construction office at the South Dakota Cement Plant, Rapid City, South Dakota, one of the employees [redacted] came running in and said, "Hey, come look at the flying sauce[redacted] stated that he immediately went outside and saw what appeared to be a metal disc traveling north at about 8,000 feet and about 2 miles distant in a direction of N N W of him. He stated that he watched the object for about 2 minutes, during which time it made a circle about a mile in diameter, traveling in a clockwise direction, and then shot straight up and disappeared in some clouds. Other witnesses at the time we[redacted] now at Manly, Iowa; and [redacted] now at Little Ferry, New Jersey.

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1. SYNOPSIS: Two civilians reported seeing unconventional aircraft on 5 April 1950 in the vicinity of Lead and Deadwood, South Dakota. One of these observers was interviewed on 18 April 1950.

2. DETAILS: On 18 April 1950, while developing leads regarding personnel investigations, Special Agent FLORETH was informed that a Mrs. [redacted]d, South Dakota; and a Mr. [redacted]od, South Dakota, had reported sighting unconventional aircraft on 5 April 1950[redacted]as not immediately available for interview, but Special Agent FLORETH managed to conduct a preliminary interview wi[redacted] 18 April 1950[redacted]ted that on 5 April 1950, at approximately 1215 hours (MST) she saw a dull white, disc shaped object, like a "flying saucer," traveling in a straight line in a northwesterly direction. She stated further that from where she was standing in her backyard at the above address, the object appeared to be about three (3) or four (4) miles distant in a northeast direction at an angle of sight of about 45 degrees[redacted]aid the object reminded her of two saucers placed rim to rim, and had the apparent size of such an object if it were only a few feet from her. She said it moved swiftly at constant speed, was in sight about 10 or 15 seconds and then disappeared behind some nearby trees. It had no lights, emitted no sound, left no smoke or vapor trail, was not marked, and was not equipped with any visible control surfaces, and did not have a metallic appearing surface.

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Attached ~~for your~~ information is copy of Spot Intelligence Report, subject as above, dated 5 ~~July 1950~~.

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted 29 June 1950, west of Kingman, Kansas
Rev. [redacted] (Witness)

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[redacted] 1. SYNOPSIS: The Rev. [redacted], his wife, a[redacted] sighted an object hovering over U.S. 54, nine (9) miles west of Kingman, Kansas, about midnight, Thursday, 29 June 1950. The object, about 250 feet in diameter, had a rotary movement on its outer ring, was about 10 feet thick, and had a small canopy raised about 2 feet on top. The object was about 300 feet away when sighted and required about six seconds to disappear from sight. Two deputy sheriffs believe they witnessed the object. [redacted] former USAF Pilot.

2. DETAILS: The following article appeared in the Wichita Beacon newspaper 30 June 1950:

"An ordained minister who was first pilot on a B-17 bomber which was shot down over Berlin in 1945, swore on a Holy Bible Friday that he actually saw what is commonly termed a 'flying saucer' Thursday night.

"He is the Rev. [redacted] 26, pastor for the last two years of the Christian Church at Cheney, Kansas, and chaplain of the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges in that city.

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"His statements are backed up by his wife [redacted]hom he married before he entered the armed forces in 1942. [redacted] two children, [redacted]and 21-month-old [redacted] were asleep when the [redacted]they saw a weird object hovering on the sky nine miles west of Kingman.

"The Rev. Mr. [redacted] said the strange craft also was observed by [redacted]a druggist from Meade, Kansas, and his two daughters.

"'I was trained in the air corps to watch for objects in the sky,' the Rev. [redacted]stated, 'and I still do. We had been to Kiowa and were returning home when I noticed a bright red light near Cunningham. Then I saw a white light and figured it was a heavy bomber heading for Wichita.

"'As we drove near the ship I detected a rotary movement on its outer ring. The object was about 250 feet in diameter, about 10 feet thick and had a small canopy raised about two feet on the top.

"'I slowed down and awakened my wife. When a car passed me I waved at the driver and cried 'flying saucer!'

"At the bridge over the Ninnescah River I stopped, and the driver of the other car--Mr. [redacted] joined us. He told us that one of his daughters had seen the object near Greensburg and that he told her she was crazy when she said she had seen a flying saucer. He added that she remarked to him that he might think otherwise if they encountered someone else who saw the ship.

"At first I thought we might be observing a helicopter. I looked closely for retracting gear but saw none. The ship was hovering over two tractors which were in operation on a small plot of ground.

"The canopy part of the object was made, I am sure, of Alcoa because I have seen a lot of that type of metal. The moon was shining brightly and the craft was plainly discernible.

"After we had watched it for several minutes we decided that we would get in our cars and try to drive as close to it as possible. I turned out the lights on my car but Mr. [redacted]had his on.

"But as we approached the ship someone on it must have seen us, because it shot up at a 45-degree angle and disappeared. As it went up the lights dimmed out.'

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"The Rev. Mr. [redacted]aid he saw testing of F-86 Shooting Stars and that he has seen B-47 jets in operation but that he never before had witnessed acceleration like that of the unusual object.

"I saw a lot of weird things while I was in prison camp in Germany," the pastor related, 'but nothing as weird as that ship. I couldn't help but think what pictures it might get by use of infra-red film over the Boeing plant.

"I am convinced that it is not radio-controlled. I think the pilot saw us. Why the ship was hovering is a mystery. The pilot may have been checking a camera or, since the plane was seen near Greensburg, he may have been checking traffic on US-54 Highway.'

"The minister drew two sketches of the 'saucer' Friday, one as he actually saw it and one as he imagined it would appear to someone looking at it from above.

"A former resident of Cunningham, the Rev. Mr. [redacted]as graduated from high school at Santa Ana, Calif., and then entered the air corps. He was with the 95th Bomber Group, 334th Bomb Squadron of the Eighth Air Force.

"He was shot down over Berlin, March 17, 1945, and liberated a month later. He held the rank of second lieutenant. Since World War II he has been a full-time minister for the Christian church.

"The 'saucer' made no noise, the Rev. Mr. [redacted]said, and there was no flame when it took off. He estimated the diameter as equivalent to the length of the fuselage of a B-29.

"'I will tell you frankly,' he continued, 'I never believed in flying saucers until I saw this one. Mr. [redacted]elephoned me this morning and said apparently no one believes him but I will swear on a stack of Bibles that we saw it.'

"To carry out his declaration, the minister placed his hand on a large Holy Bible in the living room of his home.

"'Six of us saw it and we all know what we saw,' he concluded.

"The minister said the 'saucer' was between 300 and 500 feet above ground. He estimated that he regarded it from a few minutes before midnight until 10 or 15 minutes after midnight.

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Kansas, Rev [redacted] (Witness) 5 July 1950

"The Rev. Mr. [redacted] said that when he first saw the 'saucer' he planned to turn the spotlight on his automobile upward toward it but that his wife said she was afraid and asked him not to do so."

The following article appeared in the Wichita Eagle newspaper 30 June 1950:

"Rev. [redacted] said Friday morning that he hoped, 'there won't be too much of a fuss made over us seeing that flying disc.

"'I'd hate to have my congregation shaking their heads about me,' he said.

"Rev. [redacted] pastor of the Cheney Christian church, saw the mysterious flying object hovering over U.S. 54 nine miles west of Kingman at about midnight Thursday.

"He reported the incident to The Wichita Eagle and since then life at his house has been 'just one telephone call after another.'

"'First it was the Associated Press, then another newspaper, then the air force, and I don't know who all,' said Mrs. [redacted] 'I'm afraid the children will begin to wonder what it's all about. We haven't told them just what happened yet.'

"'Right now, before anyone starts spreading screwey stories about us,' the minister continued, 'I want to say that we didn't see anything alive on that thing.

"'There were absolutely no little green men with egg on their whiskers or any other assorted do-bobbies.

"'I was a pilot during the war, and I've been a minister here in Cheney for two years. I have no desire to be pointed out as a nut or to have my children pointed out as little nuts.

"'But the fact is that we saw this thing—I won't call it a flying saucer because it wasn't shaped like one—this 'disc' in the sky.

"'We have people to back us up—the man from Meade who met us on the road. It was only up about 300 feet and there were no clouds with a full moon. We had about as clear a view of it as anyone could hope to have.

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"'I was going to shine my car's spotlight on it...'

"'But I stopped him,' put in Mrs[redacted]'I didn't want that dingus taking out after us. Chances are we'd have gone up in a puff of smoke or something.'

"'So I just watched,' her husband continued. 'It was about as big around as a B-29 is long. And it was a perfect circle. The edge was toward us when we first saw it. It had exactly the shape of a discus like they throw in the Olympics, except for a sort of pilot's canopy on top.

"'There wasn't anyone or anything under that canopy.

"'When we drove closer we had a bottom view. The outer rim was rotating--we could tell that--and the inside was stationary.

"'After the man from Meade and his family came up, we started back to where we'd been. I turned off my lights, so as not to scare whoever was flying it. The other guy didn't though, and when that gadget saw both of us coming--it took about six seconds to get clean out of sight.

"'That's all there was.'

"'I was scared,' said Mrs.[redacted]

"'So was I,' agreed her husband. 'If it had a gun I didn't see it, but it wouldn't have needed one. I'd have died of fright the first move it made after me.'

"With regard to the possible effect of the 'disc' on his work as a minister, Rev.[redacted]said he 'wasn't sure.'

"'Probably won't have much effect, I hope,' he said.

"'I had thought of including it in my sermon Sunday, but I don't think I will, now. People are funny about things like that. I'd hate to have a member of my congregation sit on my head while someone called the laughing-academy.'

"Have many Wichitans actually seen flying saucers but refused to mention the fact for fear of being laughed at?

"VERN SCOTT and CHARLIE COOPER, deputies of Sheriff BOB GRAY, think this may be the case.

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"Several nights ago, the two deputies were making their routine patrol near Furley, early in the morning. They saw a red glow in the night sky, of mysterious origin.

"'I thought it was a meteor,' said [redacted] until I realized that meteorites don't fall up.'

"The pair thought then that the red streak of fire was caused by a jet plane and that they couldn't hear the roar of the jet because their automobile engine was running. They turned off the motor--and all was silent. The red streak then went up at a 45 degree angle and went out of sight.

[redacted]n't mention their experience because they were afraid of having fun poked at them. Then in the Friday Morning Eagle, a story was reported in which Rev. [redacted] Cheney told of seeing a flying saucer.

"When a man of the cloth had the courage to risk the belittlement of his fellows so, decided the deputies, did they. They told the story."

During the course of an interview between an OSI Agent and [redacted] July 1950, it was determined that [redacted] his wife [redacted] positive of seeing a flying disc.

In addition to the information obtained from the clippings, [redacted]ved that the object was not shaped like a saucer but more like a disc, or two saucers stuck together with a small protrusion or canopy about 10-15 feet in diameter on top. The rotor or outer spinning portion of the object was observed to be rotating counter-clockwise as viewed from the underside of the disc. It was estimated that the spinning portion of the disc was approximately 10-15 ft. from outer edge to inner edge; no vanes, blades etc. were detected. Disc had a white light on top, a red light on the north side and a green light on the south side as viewed from the west side of the disc. Disc was estimated to be 200-250 ft. in diameter and approximately 15 ft. thick at center.

It was learned that the article printed by the Wichita Eagle regarding inquiries from the Air Force was in error. [redacted]tated that he had not been contacted by the Air Force.

[redacted]ted that since seeing the disc he has contacted the two farmers on the tractors over which the disc was hovering and neither of them saw the object.

[redacted]ted that the passerb[redacted] who with his wife and two daughters observed the disc, is presently residing in the Lennox Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.

3. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigation, pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 February 1950.

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
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1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [redacted] Topeka, Kansas, stated to ~~news~~ reporters on 8 July 1950 that her husband and three (3) other men sighted an unidentified object in the air near Richland, Kansas, at approximately 0745 hours, 7 July 1950. The object was described as a "flying saucer." (Source: Topeka State Journal, Topeka, Kansas, 8 July 1950)

2. DETAILS: A "flying saucer" was reportedly sighted approximately one and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles west of Richland, Kansas, by four (4) employees of the Tucker Electric Company, Topeka, Kansas, at approximately 0745 hours, 7 July 1950. Mrs [redacted] Topeka, Kansas, wife of one of the men, stated to newsmen that her husband and the three (3) other men, members of an REA line crew were on their way to work [redacted] Richland, Kansas, when the "saucer" was sighted. According to Mrs. [redacted] the men left the automobile in which they were traveling to watch the object. Mrs. [redacted] stated her husband described the object as resembling a "shiny football at first - then when it kept moving it turned and looked just like a plain platter." [redacted] stated her husband and the other men followed the object in their automobile "for some time." Mrs. [redacted] stated "He (her husband) said it was definitely not an airplane because it was too slow and too small. He said it was so

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shiny they could hardly stand to look at it." Mrs. [redacted] stated further that her husband told her that he could not tell the height of the object above the ground, other than that it was "lots lower than the clouds." Her husband stated, according to Mrs. [redacted] that the object bore no markings.

5. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigation, pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 February 1950.

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1. Reference is made to R&R this Directorate concerning captioned subject, dated 13 July 1950.

2. Attached is a copy of an additional report regarding this matter. This report is a summary of events which have transpired since the submission of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 5 July 1950, and is forwarded for your informational purposes.

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SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Sighted 29 June 1950, west of Kingman, Kansas
Rev. [redacted] (Witness)

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Spot Intelligence Report, this Headquarters, subject and file as above, dated 5 July 1950.

2. The following is a summary of events which have transpired since the submission of referenced report:

On 5 July 1950, Special Agent EARL H. PRICE, Wichita, Kansas, was contacted by Special Agent CECIL FRANKLIN, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wichita, Kansas, relative to any knowledge the Agent possessed regarding one [redacted] is allegedly a technical representative of Sperry Gyroscope, Division of Sperry Company, Greatneck, Long Island, New York, and presently on duty with Boeing Airplane Company, Wichita, Kansas, as a technical representative of Sperry Gyroscope. Special Agent FRANKLIN advised that after attempts of Rev [redacted] to contact Special Agent PRICE on 2 and 3 July 1950, [redacted] had contacted him, FRANKLIN. The following information was received by Special Agent FRANKLIN fr[redacted]

On Sunday, 2 July 1950, Rev. [redacted] as contacted by a person who identified himself as R [redacted] echnical representative of Sperry Gyroscope, and at the time [redacted] five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00) if he, [redacted] ould describe the

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flying disc he had observed to the extent that an engineer could design said disc. In addition to the money offered, [redacted]made further detailed inquiries of [redacted]regarding what he had observed of the disc. [redacted]and his wife were both very suspicious of [redacted]actions and method of approach, even though he produced identification which seemed authentic [redacted] A check with the USAF Plant Representative's Office, Boeing Airplane Company, Wichita, Kansas, and the Plant Security Office, Boeing Airplane Company, revealed that a picture pass was issued to [redacted]on 25 May 1950 as a technical representative of Sperry Gyroscope. [redacted]identified the photo [redacted]and the individual known as [redacted]who had contacted him and advised that they were one and the same. However, at present neither the USAF Plant Representative's Office nor the Boeing Security Section can positively identify [redacted]as a bona fide representative of Sperry Gyroscope. At present, the investigation of [redacted]and his connections with Sperry Gyroscope is being conducted by Special Agent CECIL FRANKLIN, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. The foregoing is furnished as a matter of information, and as additional data is made available to this office, same will be forwarded. Attached is copy of a sketch previously furnished the local newspapers by VERMILLION and pertaining to the alleged flying disc which he witnessed.

Matthew Thompson
MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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17 July 1950

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Dr. HAROLD ROTH (Witness)
Dr. GEORGE KLEIN (Witness)
Dr. PAUL BERGMAN (Witness)

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 6 July 1950, three physicians in Topeka, Kansas, reported the sighting of unconventional aircraft in the vicinity of Topeka.

2. DETAILS: On 7 July 1950, Dr. [redacted] and Drs. [redacted] and [redacted], Menninger Clinic, all of Topeka, Kansas, reported to the Topeka Daily Capital newspaper that they had observed a round, shiny object flying over Topeka during the afternoon of 6 July 1950. According to the physicians' report, the object was "very high in the sky" and "the size of a nickel or quarter." Dr. [redacted] stated that it was not a bird or an airplane "because it moved too fast." Dr. [redacted], who was a member of a radar unit during World War II, stated that the object "sure looked like a disc or saucer." Dr. [redacted] further described the object as "white and very round" and estimated its altitude at ten to twelve thousand feet. Dr. [redacted] stated that he did not believe the object was a balloon, and that it was visible for five to ten minutes before it disappeared. Dr. [redacted] made no definite comments concerning the object.

The airport weather station, Topeka, Kansas, advised that they had released no weather balloons on 6 July 1950. They further advised that four (4) balloons approximately twelve feet in diameter are released

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daily at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, but that winds on 6 July 1950 were unfavorable for drifting the balloons toward Topeka. The object reportedly disappeared in southwesterly direction at approximately 2110 hours, 6 July 1950.

3. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 February 1950.

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(Unclassified) UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT, Ft. Peck Reservoir, Montana
Lt. JAMES C. ANDERSON (Witness)- SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Attached for your information is a Spot Intelligence Report concerning captioned subject, dated 25 July 1950.

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Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
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13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Ft. Peck Reservoir, Montana
Lt. [redacted] (Witness)

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TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: On 13 July 1950, 1st Lt. JAMES E. ANDERSON, AO-2074162, [illegible] Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, while on a routine photographic mission, observed four (4) groups of unconventional aircraft flying approximately 5,000 feet lower than ANDERSON's aircraft, during a thirteen minute period in the vicinity of Fort Peck Reservoir, Montana. First and second groups consisted of five (5) unconventional aircraft. Co-pilot, engineer, and right scanner were witnesses to observations.

2. DETAILS:
Date of Sighting: 13 July 1950.
Time of Sighting: 1151 to 1204 hours (MST)
Where Sighted: In the air, approximately 5,000 feet below observer; over and in the vicinity of Fort Peck Reservoir, Montana.
First Sighting: Five objects in casual gathering.
Second Sighting: Five objects in casual gathering.
Third Sighting: One object
Fourth Sighting: One object
Celestial Phenomena: Not applicable. Object sighted in normal daylight.

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Subj: HYPOTHETICAL AIRCRAFT, Ft. Peck Reservoir, Montana, Lt. JAMES E. ANDERSON (Witness) 25 July 1950

Distance From Observer:
  Laterally or horizontally: 5,000 feet below observer.
  Angle of elevation from horizon: 70 degrees below horizon.
  Altitude: 1,000 feet (observer flying at 10,000 feet indicated and 6,500 feet actual. Object estimated as 1,000 feet actual or 5,500 feet indicated)
Time in Sight: 13 minutes intermittantly.
Appearance of Objects:
  Color: Metallic silver
  Shape: Round
  Apparent Construction: Unknown. Appeared to be metal.
  Size: From 15 to 20 feet in diameter.
Direction of Flight: Southeast, then to northwest.
Tactics or Maneuvers: Smooth horizontal flight. Changes of direction occurred when screened from view by observers' aircraft.
Evidence of Exhaust: None.
Effect on Clouds: Not applicable.
Lights: None observed.
Support: None observed.
Propulsion: No method observed.
Control and Stability: True and stable flight.
Air Ducts: Not observed.
Speed: 450 miles per hour as clocked over known distance, ie, observed and timed while crossing a river. Distance measured by map and speed calibrated upon that.
Sound: Not known.
Maneuver of Disappearance: Disappeared while flying under observer. By the time observer changed direction to continue observation, objects no longer visible. This happened each time.

Each separate sighting was made as aircraft was on a photographic target run, necessitating change of direction to continue observation. Pilot does not know why he did not attempt to follow objects. No effort was made to photograph objects and radar was not being operated in aircraft.

Relative to the Observer:
  1st Lt. JAMES E. ANDERSON, AO-2074162
  717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron
  Pilot
  Rapid City Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota
  No pertinent hobbies

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Normal ability to determine
Reliability of observer not questioned
Attention drawn while observing ground area on a photographic run. No fatigue noticeable inasmuch as only 2 hours and 40 minutes of flying time had expired at time of sighting
Witnesses:
  1st Lt. BERNARD J. EULLER, CO-Pilot
  M/Sgt EUBY BARLES, Engineer
  S/Sgt EARL J. LARSON, Right Scanner
All assigned to 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Rapid City Air Force Base

3. ACTION: Spot Report submitted to Headquarters, Office of Special Investigation, pursuant to instructions contained in AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject, "Unconventional Aircraft," dated 8 February 1950.

MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
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13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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Mrs.[redacted]
[redacted]
Alba, New York

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of 25 January 1951, addressed to Offutt Air Force Base, has been referred to this office.

It is our desire to thank you for your interest in reporting your observation. The information contained in your letter has been reported to the proper authorities.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(Batavia, New York)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [redacted] New York, wrote a letter dated 23 January 1951, directed to Offutt Air Force Base, stating that on or about 12 January 1951, she and her 6 year old son had seen from a window of their home a fast moving object with a bright white light.

2. DETAILS: A letter has been received from Mrs. [redacted] New York, directed to Offutt Air Force Base, which reads as follows:

> Dear Sir,
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> Since I read the piece in the Buffalo Evening News about the Mystery Plane, I have been thinking more about it. I think it was around the 12th Jan, my 6 yr. old son looked out the window an seen that bright white light. He said, to me, mother whats that light. I said, oh its a star. He said, no, its moving fast. Then I looked. I watched it clear out of sight over Batavia by them. The American and Capital Airlines go over here all the time, but you can see there colored lights blinking. This had just that one bright white light.
> We live between Rochester an Batavia, around South Byron.
> I don't want this in the paper, maybe I was seeing things an thought know more about it until I read it in the paper. Now I wonder.

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> Maybe some day you will find out what kind of a plate it is an where it has been.
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> Yours truly
> Mrs. [redacted]
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> P.S. If Batavia, N.Y. had of had a large airport, I would have called there the night I seen that light. I should have called Buffalo.

3. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is copy of letter from this office to Mrs. H. E. HARTMAN, dated 6 February 1951.

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Cy ltr to Mrs. [redacted]
6 Feb 51

MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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24-0
7 June 1952

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon Reportedly Sighted, Offutt AFB, Nebr., 2300 hours, 5 June 1952

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3, AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, information set forth in attached inclosure is submitted as a letter report in lieu of spot intelligence report.

2. Inasmuch as subject incident is being reported to Hq USAF by Directorate of Intelligence, Hq SAC (in accordance with provisions of AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952), attached summary is being forwarded for your information. Your office will be apprised of any additional developments this matter, concerning which no further action is presently contemplated.

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CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
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SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon Reportedly Sighted,
Offutt AFB, Nebr., 2300 hours, 5 June 1952

DETAILS:

1. On 6 and 7 June 1952, 2d Lt [redacted] SAC, furnished this Agent information as follows con[redacted]subject incident:

a. At 2300 hours, 5 June 1952 [redacted] together with his wife, Mr[redacted] Omaha, Nebr., approached (by automobile) U. S. highway #75 from Airview, a housing area at Fort Crook, Nebr., near Offutt AFB. [redacted] looked to the south to check for approaching automobiles before pulling onto the highway. While accomplishing this visual check, [redacted] noticed a bright red light hovering at approximately 1,000 feet elevation one-quarter of a mile south/southwest of Twin Gables Tavern, which is located on U. S. highway #75 opposite the Main Gate, Offutt AFB.

b. According to [redacted] instant light, unusually bright and approximately the size of [redacted]-quart water bucket, hovered in one spot -- veering neither right nor left, up nor down -- for approximately four to four and one-half minutes, after which time the light started moving in a southerly direction at a very high rate of speed and disappeared in approximately two to three seconds, trailing a short tail.

c. This matter was immediately reported by [redacted] to Lt Col ARTHUR E. SOBALL, Staff Duty Officer, Hq SAC. SOBALL advises no additional reports received concerning Subject phenomenon.

AGENT'S NOTE: 2d [redacted] presently assigned Document Security Branch (Top Secret), Hq SAC, was formerly a Special Agent, 13th District OSI.

James B. Watts
JAMES B. WATTS
Special Agent, OSI

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13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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12 June 1952

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomenon Reportedly Sighted,
South Omaha, Nebr., 2304 hours, 9 June 1952

TO:
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. Reference is made to letter report, this District Office, dated 7 June 1952, file as above, subject: "Aerial Phenomenon Reportedly Sighted, Offutt AFB, Nebr., 2300 hours, 5 June 1952."

2. Submitted herewith is report concerning the sighting of an additional aerial phenomenon in the general vicinity in which the phenomenon discussed in referenced report was observed. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3, AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, information set forth in attached inclosure is submitted as a letter report in lieu of spot intelligence report.

3. Inasmuch as subject incident is being reported to Hq USAF by Directorate of Intelligence, Hq SAC (in accordance with provisions of AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952), attached summary is being forwarded for your information. Your office will be apprised of any additional developments in this matter, concerning which no further action is presently contemplated.

Chas P. Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
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?2 June 1952

SUBJECT: [illegible]

DETAILS:

1. On 11 June 1952, T/Sgt [redacted] Sq, Strategic Air Command, furnished this agent the following information concerning subject incident:

a. At 2304 hours, 9 June 1952, [redacted] accompanied by his wife, Mrs. [redacted] observed a glowing red light hovering in the sky to the south of their residence, 1709 Madison Ave., South Omaha, Nebr. Mrs. [redacted]rst observed the light then called her husband.

[redacted] estimated the length of time the object was in view was from four (4) to five (5) minutes. Initiall[redacted] thought the object was a clearance light on a plane but, after observing it, noted that instant light was too bright for a clearance light.

c. According to [redacted] the light seemed suspended in the air for approximately three (3) minutes, after which it fell slowly downward out of sight.

[redacted]ompared the size of instant light to that of "an over-sized star" and described it as being of "disc shape". He noticed no evidence of propulsion or exhaust from the object, which appeared to him to fall with a slow motion.

e. The object was observed in a south/southwest direction from the [redacted] residence. [redacted]dvised that there were a number of T-11 type aircraft in flight in the area, and he believed the object could easily have been observed from these planes.

f. As [redacted]ecalled, the weather on the night of 9 June 1952 had been very clear, bright, and warm, with stars prevalent.

[redacted]essed the opinion that the phenomenon he and his wife observed was not the result of natural causes such as the falling of a meteor or star.

AGENT'S NOTE: Attention is invited to a similar phenomenon reportedly witnessed by 2d Lt [redacted] SAC, at Offutt AFB, Nebr., 5 June 1952, a letter report of which was furnished to Hq OSI under date of 7 June 1952.

Robert E. Brendecke
ROBERT E. BRENDECKE
Special Agent OSI (IG)

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(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted, Topeka, Kansas, 1850 hours, 27 June 1952 - SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Directorate of Special Investigations, IG

1. Forwarded herewith for your information is a report from the 13th OSI District, [illegible] Air Force Base, dated 14 July 1952, relative to the above subject.

2. Your office will be advised of any further developments.

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Rpt [illegible] 24-0 dtd 14 July 52

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief

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Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force
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13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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14 July 1952

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted, Topeka, Kansas, 1850 hours, 27 June 1952.

TO:
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. In accordance with Par. 3, AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 Oct 1950, and in view of the fact that subject incident will undoubtedly be reported to Hq USAF by the Commanding Officer, Forbes AFB, Kansas, under the provisions of AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 1952, submitted herewith is letter report concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the general vicinity of Topeka, Kansas.

2. Your Headquarters will be apprised of any additional developments in this matter, concerning which no further action is presently contemplated by this office.

Lt. Col.,
for CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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24-0 14 July 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted, Topeka, Kansas, 1850 hours, 27 June 1952.

DETAILS:

1. On 1 July 1952, 2nd Lt. [redacted] Bombardment Squadron, Forbes AFB, Kansas, furnished Special Agent Alfred F. Savage the following information concerning subject incident:

a. At 1850 hours, 27 June 1952, [redacted] were taking a walk near their home in Topeka, Kansas. When they reached the corner of 21st and High Streets, their attention was drawn to a bright red light, hovering in the air directly south of their location.

[redacted] estimated that the object was approximately ten (10) miles away and at an angle of fifteen (15) degrees elevation above the horizon. He believed its size to be about two-hundred (200) ft in diameter.

c. The object was observed for five (5) minutes, and, during this time, it changed shape from circular to oval in a pulsating manner at an estimated rate of thirty (30) pulses perminute. It exhibited no movement other than the pulsating action and disappeared instantly "much like turning off an electric light." There was no smoke or vapor of any kind.

2. There were no known celestial phenomena which would account for the sighting, and weather conditions were clear, with visibility of fifteen (15) miles.

3. Lt. [redacted] 22 years of age and has between 500 and 600 hours of flying time as a pilot.

Lt. Col.,
for CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
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Dark/~~ball~~ yellow ball in sky trailing fire drifting counter-clockwise in general vicinity of Parkville, ~~Kx.~~ Kansas 9 July 52. seen by Mrs Virgil Webb

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

CI/jbw
29 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: "Flying Discs" Reportedly Sighted Near Peru, Nebraska, in December 1951 (Reported to Omaha FBI, 24 July 1952) by WARREN BARRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. ~~SYNOPSIS~~: On 26 July 1952, this office was advised by the Omaha Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that, on 24 July [redacted]coln, Nebraska, reported to FBI that in December 1951, at approximately 0300 hours, he observed both in flight and on the ground near Peru, Nebraska, an unidentified flying object. [redacted] reportedly stated that he was alone at the time and that his delay in reporting the incident had been due to his belief that his report might be treated lightly.

2. DETAILS: On 26 July 1952, this office received information as follows from the Omaha Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation:

a. "On July 24, 1952, Mr. [redacted] Lincoln, Nebraska, reported to an agent of this office that in December of 1951, while he was returning to Lincoln, Nebraska, from the state of Indiana at approximately 3:00 a.m. he noticed a blue light in the sky to the northwest which shot across the road and disappeared to the southeast. Mr. [redacted] stated that he missed the turn-off to Lincoln, Nebraska, on Highway 73 and south of Nebraska City, Nebraska, and he had turned around and headed south to Auburn, Nebraska.

b. "Mr. [redacted] advised that approximately five minutes later at a location northwest of Peru, Nebraska, he saw an orange glow in the sky. He said that as he approached the glow it became very large and very bright orange. Mr. [redacted] stated that he saw a kettle-shaped object sitting on the ground approximately ten or fifteen yards from the edge of the road. He said he stopped his car beside the object and observed

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it approximately ten or twenty seconds. Mr. [redacted] gave the following description of the object: 25-30 feet in diameter, appeared to be made of cast-iron due to its black color, shaped like a large kettle drum in an upright position; and about one foot from the top was a row of port-holes approximately ten inches in diameter. He said this was where the orange glow was coming from. He stated that a short distance down from these port-holes was another row of port-holes about the same size. He said that from the south end of the object from these port-holes a blue-ish type of flame was projected. He advised that there was no sign of activity or life in or around the object, and, further, there was neither an antenna nor projections from the object, and there was no sound heard.

c. "Mr. [redacted] advised he was the only one in his car, and there were no other cars in sight on the highway.

d. "Mr. [redacted] stated he had not previously reported this instance (sic) to anyone because, at the time, there was a great flying saucer scare throughout the country, and those to whom he might report the incident might treat it lightly. He stated that the incident has been preying (sic) on his mind and he finally decided to report it to the FBI.

e. "There is no record contained in the files of this office relative to [redacted] and the above information is being forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary."

3. Files of this District Office contain no information regarding [redacted] Lincoln, Nebraska.

4. ACTION: In the absence of a specific request by competent authority, no active investigation of this incident is presently contemplated by this District Office regarding above recounted matter.

Chas P Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, SAC, ATTN: D/Intell (Info)
CG, AMC, ATTN: ATIC (Dup)

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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29 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Object, Described as "Flying Saucer", Reportedly Sighted Near Kansas City, Missouri, 24 June 1952

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted]ployee at Bendix Aviation Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, recently reported to Kansas City Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that she saw an object described as "a flying saucer" at approximately 2100-2115 hours, 24 June 1952, near Kansas City, Missouri.

2. DETAILS: On 21 July 1952, this District Office received a letter from the Kansas City Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, Missouri, to the effect that the Atomic Energy Commission representative at Bendix Aviation Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, advised FBI that a Bendix employe[redacted]dicated she saw an object described as "a flying saucer" at approximately 2100-2115 hours, 24 June 1952, near Highway 71 and Hillcrest, on the outskirts of Kansas City, Missouri. FBI advised this District Office that no investigation is being conducted by that agency regarding this matter. File of this District Office contain no infomation regarding [redacted]

3. ACTION: In the absence of a specific request by competent authority, no active investigation of this incident is presently contemplated by this District Office.

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Chas P Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, AMC, ATTN: ATIC (dup)

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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24-0
30 July 1952

SUBJECT: Newspaper Clippings Re
Sighting of Flying Saucers

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Section

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Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

Attached for your information are clippings from various newspapers in the DO #13 area, reflecting reported sightings of unidentified flying objects during recent weeks.

Chas P. Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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1. "Reports 'Odd' Plane; Lauded for Alertness"
2. "3 Iowans Report 'Flying Saucers'"
3. "Report Flying Disk Observed Near Leon"
4. "Flying Saucer Reported in Wichita Area"
5. "El Dorado"
6. "Cigar Shaped 'Saucer' Seen in Sky Here"
7. "Flying Saucers? Minoters Report 'Strange Objects'"
8. "Morningsider Says He Saw Flying Saucer"

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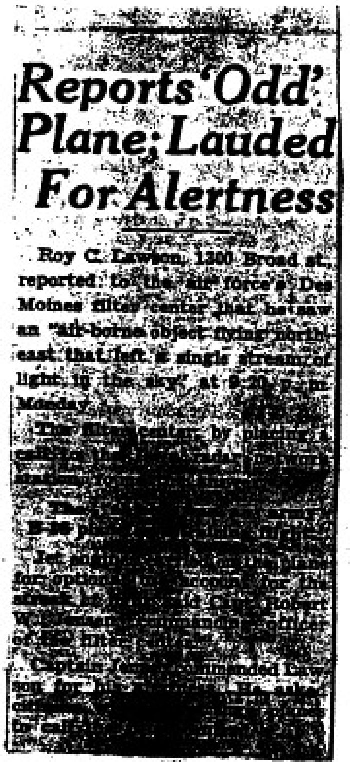
REPORTS 'ODD' PLANE; LAUDED FOR ALERTNESS



Reports 'Odd' Plane; Lauded For Alertness

Roy C. Lawson, 1300 Broad st., reported to the air force's Des Moines filter center that he saw an "air-borne object flying northeast that left a single stream of light in the sky" at 9:20 p.m. Monday.

The filter center, by placing a [illegible]

[illegible]

Captain [illegible] commended Lawson for [illegible]

The Des Moines Tribune
Des Moines, Iowa
Tuesday, 24 June 1952

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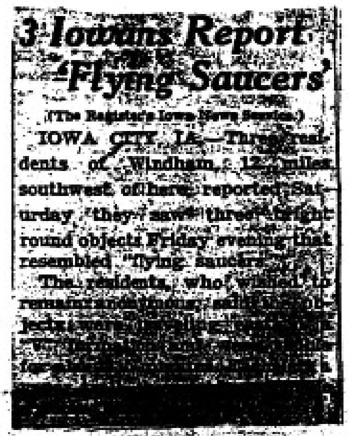
3 IOWANS REPORT 'FLYING SAUCERS'



3 Iowans Report 'Flying Saucers'

(The Register's Iowa News Service.)

IOWA CITY, IA. — Three residents of Windham, 12 miles southwest of here, reported Saturday they saw three bright round objects Friday evening that resembled "flying saucers."

The residents, who wished to [illegible]

The Des Moines Tribune
Des Moines, Iowa
Saturday, 5 July 1952

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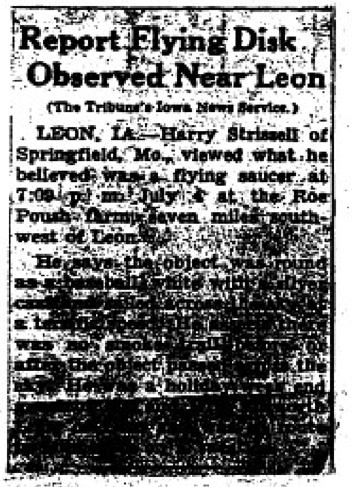
REPORT FLYING DISK OBSERVED NEAR LEON



Report Flying Disk Observed Near Leon

(The Tribune's Iowa News Service.)

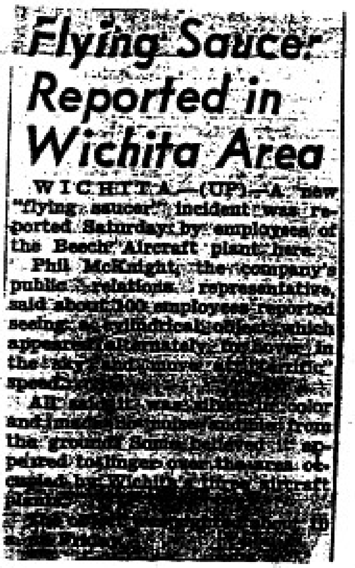
LEON, IA.—Harry Strissell of Springfield, Mo., viewed what he believed was a flying saucer at 7:09 p. m. July 4 at the Roe Poush farm, seven miles southwest of Leon.

He says the object was round [illegible]

The Des Moines Tribune
Des Moines, Iowa
Monday, 7 July 1952

Evaluation: C-3

FLYING SAUCER REPORTED IN WICHITA AREA



Flying Saucer Reported in Wichita Area

WICHITA—(UP)—A new "flying saucer" incident was reported Saturday by employees of the Beech Aircraft plant here.

Phil McKnight, the company's public relations representative, said about 300 employees reported seeing a cylindrical object which appeared alternately to hover in the sky [illegible] "terrific" speed.

All [illegible] was [illegible] color and [illegible] from the ground. Some believed it appeared to linger over the area occupied by Wichita's [illegible] aircraft plants. [illegible]

The Topeka Daily Capital
Topeka, Kansas
Sunday, 13 July 1952

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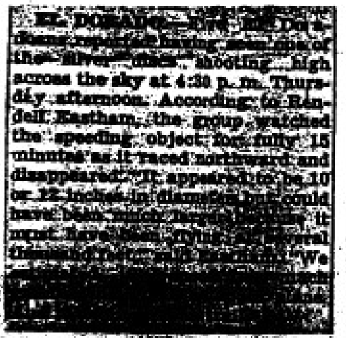

EL DORADO—[illegible] El Dorado [illegible] seen one of the "silver" discs shooting high across the sky at 4:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon. According to Randell Eastham, the group watched the speeding object for fully 15 minutes as it raced northward and disappeared. It appeared to be 10 or 12 inches in diameter but could have been [illegible] it must have been flying [illegible] several [illegible] We [illegible]

The Topeka Daily Capital
Topeka, Kansas
Sunday, 13 July 1952

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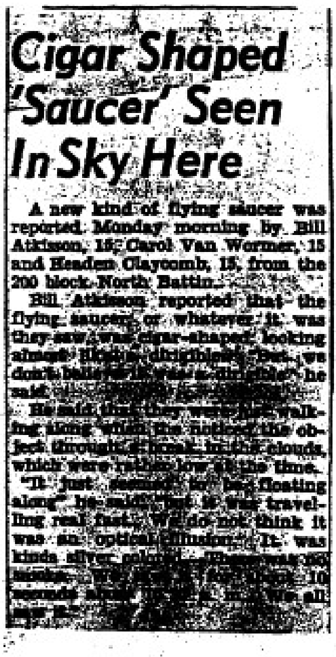
CIGAR SHAPED 'SAUCER' SEEN IN SKY HERE



Cigar Shaped 'Saucer' Seen In Sky Here

A new kind of flying saucer was reported Monday morning by Bill Atkisson, 15; Carol Van Wormer, 15 and Headen Claycomb, 15, from the 200 block North Battin.

Bill Atkisson reported that the flying saucer, or whatever it was they saw, was cigar-shaped looking almost like a dirigible. "But, we don't believe it was a dirigible," he said.

He said that they were just walking along when he noticed the object through a break in the clouds, which were rather low at the time.

"It just seemed to be floating along" he said, "but it was travelling real fast. We do not think it was an optical illusion. It was kinda silver colored. There was no smoke. We [illegible] 10 seconds [illegible] all saw it."

Wichita Eagle
Wichita, Kansas
Monday, 14 July 1952

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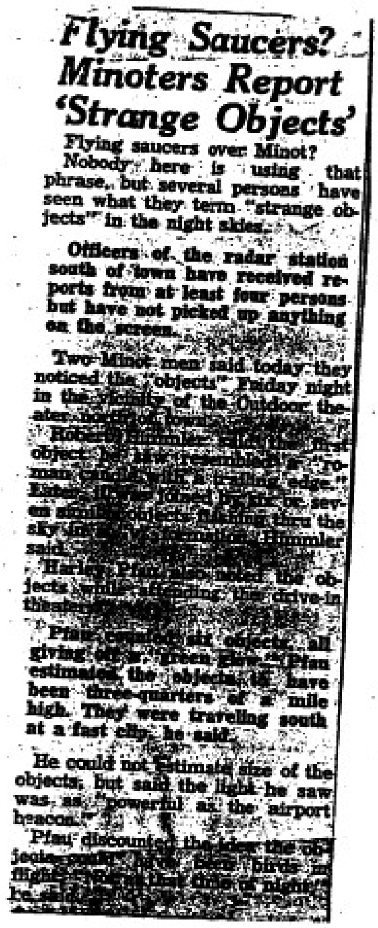
FLYING SAUCERS? MINOTERS REPORT 'STRANGE OBJECTS'



Flying Saucers? Minoters Report 'Strange Objects'

Flying saucers over Minot? Nobody here is using that phrase, but several persons have seen what they term "strange objects" in the night skies.

Officers of the radar station south of town have received reports from at least four persons but have not picked up anything on the screen.

Two Minot men said today they noticed the "objects" Friday night in the vicinity of the Outdoor theater north of town.

Robert Hummler said the first object he saw resembled a "roman candle with a trailing edge." Later he [illegible] or seven similar objects flashing thru the sky in [illegible] formation, Hummler said.

Harley Pfau also noted the objects while attending the drive-in theater.

Pfau counted six objects, all giving off a "green glow." Pfau estimated the objects to have been three-quarters of a mile high. They were traveling south at a fast clip, he said.

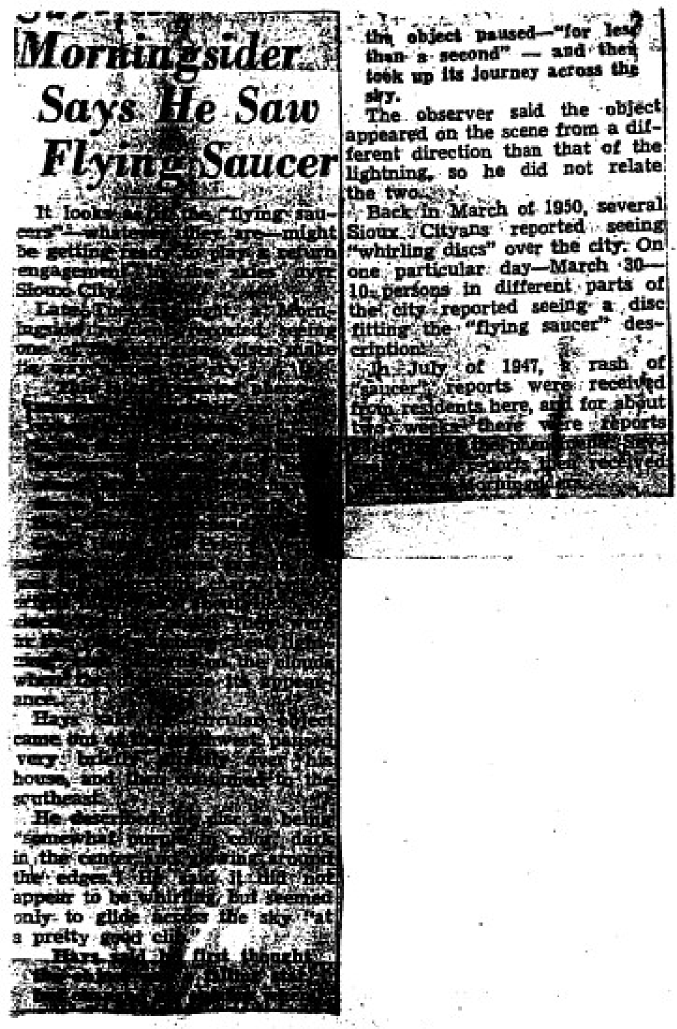
He could not estimate size of the objects, but said the light he saw was as "powerful as the airport beacon."

Pfau discounted the idea the objects could have been birds in flight at that time of night, he said.

Minot Daily News
Minot, North Dakota
Saturday, 19 July 1952

Evaluation: C-6

MORNINGSIDER SAYS HE SAW FLYING SAUCER



Morningsider Says He Saw Flying Saucer

It looks [illegible] the "flying saucers"—whatever they are—might be getting [illegible] a return engagement [illegible] skies over Sioux City. [illegible]

Late [illegible] a Morningsider [illegible] reported seeing one of [illegible] disc [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] where the [illegible] made its appearance.

Hays [illegible] circular object came out [illegible] very briefly [illegible] over his house, and then [illegible] to the southeast.

He described the disc as being "somewhat purple in color, dark in the center [illegible] around the edges." He said it did not appear to be whirling but seemed only to glide across the sky "at a pretty good clip."

Hays said his first thought [illegible]

[illegible] the object paused—"for less than a second" — and then took up its journey across the sky.

The observer said the object appeared on the scene from a different direction than that of the lightning, so he did not relate the two.

Back in March of 1950, several Sioux Cityans reported seeing "whirling discs" over the city. On one particular day—March 30—10 persons in different parts of the city reported seeing a disc fitting the "flying saucer" description.

In July of 1947, a rash of "saucer" reports were received from residents here, and for about two weeks there were reports [illegible]

Sioux City Journal
Sioux City, Iowa
Wednesday, 23 July 1952

Evaluation: F-6

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DATE 4 DEC 1975

INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska
CI/cei
31 July 1952

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted over Omaha, Nebr., 26 July 1952.

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Div.

1. SYNOPSIS: Three (3) individuals reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object at approximately 2130-2140 hours, 26 July 1952, at Omaha, Nebraska.

2. DETAILS: Mrs. [redacted], (employee of Offutt [redacted]) reported to this office that on 26 July 1952, at approximately 2130 hours, she sighted a round, disc-like object, about one foot in [redacted], with a yellow-orange glow, traveling in a circular pattern, at varied speeds, in the sky. Mrs. [redacted] that she was able to distinguish the object from a spotlight traversing the sky in a similar pattern, inasmuch as the spotlight emitted a white-silver light, while the unknown object emitted a yellow-orange light. Mrs. [redacted] the object remained in sight for about ten minutes, at which time it traveled in a southeasterly direction and disappeared. Mrs. [redacted] that her husband had also witnessed the object.

[redacted] substantially the same information as his wife, except that he added that he believed a dark object had also been in the area where the glow was observed. Mr. [redacted] that the dark object may have been used to divert attention from the light.

Mr. [redacted] preside[redacted] also [redacted] to this office that he had sighted a round, disc-shaped object, with a yellow glow, travel in a circular pattern in the sky and disappear in a southeasterly direction at approximately 2140 hours, 26 July 1952. However, M[redacted] reported that at a later observation he had seen a spotlight in the sky with rays from the ground. Mr. [redacted] that the unidentified object may have been the spotlight, [redacted] the rays had not been visible at his first sighting.

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(Ltr, (Spot Report), DO 13, file 24-0, to Hq OSI, dated 31 July 1952, subj: "Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted Over Omaha, Nebr., 26 July 1952")--cont'd.

3. ACTION: It was determined that weather report for Omaha, Nebr., 26 July 1952, indicated scattered clouds at 25,000 feet. It was also determined that a carnival, Omaha, Nebr., 26 July 1952, utilized spotlights for the purpose of advertising. No further action contemplated in the absence of a specific request from competent authority.

Chas P Martin

CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, SAC
CG, AMC, ATTN: ATIC (dup)

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

24-185-13

20 NOV 1952

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft and Unidentified Flying Objects
SPECIAL INQUIRY

CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED [illegible]
BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO: District Commander
13th OSI District (IG)
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

1. Reference is made to your letter, file 24-00, dated 13 August 1952, in regard to the above subject. For your information, an AFCSI Letter, superseding reporting procedures of AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950, is being prepared and will be distributed in the immediate future.

2. With respect to paragraphs 2 and 3 of your letter, the proposed AFCSI Letter referred to above states:

"Those District and Detachment Offices physically located on an Air Force Base will immediately report all details pertaining to the sighting to the installation commander, or his designated representative, in order that the commander may render the reports required in par 7, AFL 200-5. Reports by OSI to installation commanders in such instances will be confirmed in writing, setting forth details of the information initially furnished. A copy of the confirmatory letter will be designated for this office."

Further reports will not be necessary except where further investigation is subsequently requested by the Air Technical Intelligence Center, the installation commander, or this office.

3. By agreement with the Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, AF Form 112 (Air Intelligence Report) will not be utilized by OSI in reporting incidents of unidentified flying objects. Instead, a Spot Intelligence Report, or AFHQ Form 0-208 will be used.

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4. Reports reflecting the results of requested OSI investigations will be forwarded to this office for transmittal to the Directorate of Intelligence. An information copy will be forwarded directly to the Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the Air Force activity which has been designated responsible for conducting analyses of all information and material received. Copies of these reports will no longer be designated for the Air Material Command.

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5. In regard to paragraphs 4 and 5 of your letter, no requirement exists for reporting information concerning unidentified flying objects received through news media. However, it is suggested that newspaper clippings pertaining to these incidents be retained in your files for possible future reference and in event of investigation being requested by the ATIC or this office.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

JAMES H. BREWSTER, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Executive, Special Investigations
The Inspector General

10 NOV 1952

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

CI/mdj
13 August 1952

24-00

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft and Unidentified Flying Objects

SPECIAL INQUIRY

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
Historian
DATE 4 DEC 1975

TO:
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. Reference is made to AFCSI Letter No. 85, subject: "Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft," file 24-185, dated 23 October 1950; to AFOSI Letter No. 106, subject: "Spot Intelligence Reports," dated 18 October 1949; and to Air Force Letter No. 200-5, subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting," dated 29 April 1952.

2. Paragraph 5, AFCSI Letter No. 85, directs that information forwarded to Headquarters OSI re unconventional aircraft be reported through the media of Spot Intelligence Reports, with information copies furnished direct to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCIS. When requests for investigations originate from, or the information is of interest to a particular base, provision is made for copies of communications containing results of investigation to be designated for that base. Cited paragraph 5 further directs that Air Force Form 112 will not be utilized for OSI reporting purposes.

3. Paragraph 7d, Air Force Letter No. 200-5, directs that reports re unidentified flying objects will be submitted on Air Force Form 112, "Air Intelligence Information Report." Paragraph 5, cited AF Letter 200-5, stipulates that installation commanders are responsible for insuring that reports are initiated re unidentified flying objects and that the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, has been designated the Air Force activity responsible for conducting analysis of all information and material received concerning such objects.

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SUBJ: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft and Unidentified Flying Objects

4. Periodically, press clippings re "flying saucers" are received by this office. Neither AFCSI Letter 85 nor AF Letter 200-5 appear to indicate whether material of this type is desired by Air Technical Intelligence Center or Headquarters OSI.

5. In view of the recent increase in alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects, a statement of policy regarding such matters is requested from your Headquarters in order that this District Office may properly submit appropriate reports to interested installation commanders, Air Technical Intelligence Center, and Headquarters OSI. It is also requested that this office be advised whether press clippings re "flying saucers" should be submitted to Headquarters OSI.

Chas P. Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Plans & Policies Division
ATTN: Col Matthew Thompson

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13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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CI/mdj
25 August 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted in Vicinity of Forbes AFB, Kansas

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Section

1. SYNOPSIS: On 30 July 1952, Mrs. [redacted] Kansas, reported sighting an alleged unconventional aircraft. Object was about 18 miles from observer, hovering to the west of Forbes AFB, Kans., from 2400 hours to 0100 hours. Observer viewed object through a pair of 16 x 50mm binoculars.

2. DETAILS: On 4 August, Mrs. [redacted]s interviewed at the Hill Packing Company, Topeka, Kans., and stated that on the evening of 30 July 1952, from 2400 hours to 0100 hours, she observed in flight a weird object about 18 miles southeast of her home, which [redacted] The object first appeared as a flat triangular shaped object with crooked pink and green lines within a brilliant white field, and later appeared as a flat triangular shape with a flat circular object attached, with what appeared to be a rope. Over all the two objects appeared about half the size of a full moon. The entire object changed from white to pink to green completing a cycle in one second. At last observation the object had changed to two flat triangular shaped objects still alternating colors. Objects appeared to be constructed of some light weight, very strong metal. The object was around 45° elevation from the horizon and made short jerky movement to right and left and also up and down. No other characteristics of conventional aerodynamical design or construction were observed. Attention was drawn to the object by its own action and without binoculars it appeared as a large white light which resembled a star. Observer retired at 0100, 31 July, for the night.

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24-0 25 August 1952
SUBJ: Unidentified Flying Object Reportedly Sighted in Vicinity of Forbes AFB

NOTE: During the interview, the observer appeared somewhat irrational and stated that upon first seeing the object she believed it to be the Lord Jesus Christ returning to earth as the Bible predicted, but on second thought, decided He (the Lord) would not be spying on earth so it must have been interplanetary travelers.

Topeka Municipal Airport and Forbes AFB Weather Station reported CAVU weather condition and no Meteorological Balloons released on the night of 30 July 1952.

Mr. [redacted]burn University, stated upon interview that no known celestial phenomena were present on the night of 30 July 1952 which could account for the sighting.

Mrs. [redacted]previously been employed at the 832d Specialized Depot, Topeka, Kans., and has seen a great number of aircraft at Forbes AFB both in the air and on the ground. Observer was approximately 28 years old and had been employed at the 832d AFSD as an Air Police woman during World War II and later as a shipping clerk, and is presently employed as a stenographer at the Hill Packing Company, Topeka, Kans.

3. ACTION: In absence of specific request by competent authority, no active investigation of this incident is presently contemplated by this District Office.

Chas P Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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25 August 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Section

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. [redacted] Avenue, Topeka, Kans., reported sighting an unidentified light at approximately 0100 hours, 28 July 1952, which light was approximately 25 miles east of Topeka at a 45° elevation above the horizon.

2. DETAILS: On 30 July 1952, Mr. [redacted] stated to the writer that at 0100 hours, 28 July 1952, upon answering an inquiry concerning vacancy in his tourist court, his attention was drawn to a large brilliant light due east of the court hovering in position for one hour.

The object gave off a very brilliant and steady white light, with a slight green tint on the lower right side. The size appeared to be that of a baseball held at arms length revealing a circular pattern. No other distinguishing characteristics of aircraft were noted and Mr. BLYTHE stated he retired after observing the object for one hour.

Weather and Tower facilities at Topeka Municipal and Forbes AFB were checked with negative results pertaining to aircraft and weather balloons in the area.

Mr. [redacted] Department of Astronomy, Washburn University, Topeka, Kans., was contacted and advised that no celestial phenomenon other than unstable atmospheric conditions causing the planet Jupiter to appear much larger than normal to the naked eye, could account for the sighting of such an object. Mr. [redacted] stated further that Jupiter at this time of the year rises in the east [redacted] 2300 hours and sets in the southeast around 0400.

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[redacted] around 60 years of age and has flown commercially on business trips in the pas[redacted]ner of the [redacted] Central Avenue, Topeka, K[redacted]sed that Mr. and Mrs[redacted], [redacted] Sacramento, Calif., had also seen the object, and their observation had not been brought to the attention of the press.

3. ACTION: In absence of specific request by competent authority, no further action is contemplated by this office.

Chas. P. Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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24-185-13-48

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object, Davenport, Iowa
8 October 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
13th OSI District (IG)
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

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1. Reference is made to your letter, dated 21 October 1952, file #24-0, concerning the above subject.

2. For your information, no requirement exists for reporting information concerning Unidentified Flying Objects received through news media. However, it is suggested that newspaper clippings pertaining to these incidents be retained in your files for possible future reference.

3. In view of the above information, the inclosure to the above referenced letter is returned herewith for disposition.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1 Incl
Clipping re subject

GILMER L. SHIPES
Major, USAF
Actg Chief, Sabotage and Espionage Br
Counter Intelligence Division
Dir of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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CI/mdj
21 October 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Davenport, Iowa
[illegible] October 1952

SPECIAL INQUIRY

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TO:
Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. Inclosed for your information is a press release which appeared in the Morning Democrat, Davenport, Iowa, with reference to subject incident reportedly observed by Miss FLORA ORMSBY, 414 1/3 West Second Street, Davenport, Iowa.

2. Files of this office contain no record concerning FLORA ORMSBY. "Quad-City" is reliably identified as a popular term used in reference to the area comprised by the cities of Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline (including East Moline) and Rock Island, Illinois.

Chas P. Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Newspaper clipping
re subject.

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INVESTIGATIONS. SUBJECT: SIGHTING OF UNKNOWN OBJECT NEAR KEARNEY, NEBRASKA. THIS IS TO CONFIRM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN COL KENNETH W. KING AND MR. [redacted] APPROX 2230 HRS (CST), 5 NOV 57. AT APPROX 2100 HRS (CST), 5 NOV 57, MR. A. [illegible] MEYER, ASST SAC OMAHA FIELD OFFICE, FBI, TELEPHONCICALLY ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE FBI RESIDENT AGENT AT GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA: A MR [redacted] [redacted] A SALESMAN REPRESENTING A COMPANY KNOWN AS VALU-PAC INC., OF BRAWLEY, CALIF, WAS INSPECTING A FIELD OF MILO AT

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~~[illegible]~~ locally advised
Maj Brown, duty officer, who
made record of call. He was
instructed to advise CinC Command Post
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message on 7/11/57 Bay

Olsen
13 Nov

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AFHQ FORM 22 JUN 56 0-309a
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APPROX 1600 HRS, 5 NOV, NEAR KEARNEY, NEBR. [redacted] WAS DRIVING A VEHICLE ALONG A ROAD IN THIS AREA DN NEAR THE PLATTE RIVER, WHEN HE SAW A FLASH OF LIGHT WHICH APPEARED TO BE DESCENDING ~~TOWARD~~ THE EARTH. AS THIS FLASH OF LIGHT DESCENDED, HE MADE OUT ~~THE~~ OBJECT AS A BALLON, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIM, WAS APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET LONG, 30 FEET WIDE AND IT RESTED ON FOUR TRIPOD TYPE LEGS. [redacted] ALSO STATED THAT AS HIS CAR APPROACHED, THE MOTOR INEXPLICABLY DIED. AS HE STOOD WATCHING, A DOOR IN THE BALLOON OPENED AND TWO MEN DESCENDED. THE MEN APPROACHED HIM AND ONE OF THEM FLAHSED A RAY OF LIGHT IN HIS EYES WHICH TEMPORARILY PARALYZED HIM. THESE MEN THEN SHUT OFF THE LIGHT, SEARCHED HIM, AND UPON FINDING NO WEAPONS, ASKED HIM, IN ENGLISH, IF HE WOULD LIKE TO INSPECT THE INTERIOR OF THE BALLOO, HE STATED THAT HE ACCOMPANIED THE TWO (2) MEN AND ENTERED THE BALLOON. FOUR OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE BALLOON - TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN, WHO BEGAN EXPLAINING THE INSTRUMENTS IN THE BALLOON TO [redacted] IN HIGH GERMAN WHICH [redacted] STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD. [redacted] ALSO STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE BALLOON WAS OPAQUE FROM THE OUTSIDE, FROM THE INSIDE IT WAS TRANSPARENT AND HE STATED THAT HE

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COULD SEE ALL OVER THE COUNTRYSIDE. AFTER ABOUT 20 MINUTES, [redacted] STATED THAT ONE OF THE MEN ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE AND REQUESTED [redacted] TO LEAVE. [redacted] STATED THAT HE LEFT, THE DOOR ON THE BALLOON CLOSED AND IT AROSE ABOUT 100-200 FEET IN THE AIR, WHEREUPON IT DISAPPEARED. [redacted] FURTHER STATED THAT THE BALLOON APPEARED TO BE SILVER COATED. [redacted] IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO KEARNEY, NEBRASKA WHERE HE TELEPHONED THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THAT CITY, A MR. [redacted] TO WHOM HE TOLD HIS STORY. NELSON, AS A CHECK ON [redacted] RELIABILITY, TELEPHONED THE CHIEF OF POLICE AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, [redacted] HOME TOWN, AND WAS ADVISED BY THAT INDIVIDUAL THAT [redacted] WAS A SOLID CITIZEN AND COULD BE CONSIDERED RELIABLE. NELSON THEN REQUESTED THAT [redacted] SHOW HIM THE AREA WHERE THE BALLOON LANDED, AND UPON ARRIVING AT THE FIELD, NELSON STATED THAT HE COULD SEE WHERE THE LEGS OF SOME OBJECT HAD RESTED AND THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME AREAS WHERE OIL HAD APPRANTELY SPILLED. NELSON TOOK SAMPLES OF THE OIL FOR LBAROATORY TESTING. UPON RETURNING TO KEARNEY, NELSON TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE FBI RESIDENT AGENT AT GRAND ISLAND, NEBR. AT APPROX 2245 HRS

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(CST) THE INTELLIGENCE DUTY OFFICER, HQS, SAC, WAS ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. ON 6 NOV 57 MR. MEYER ADVISED THAT THE FBI WAS NOT INVESTIGATING; THAT A LETTER SETTING FORTH THE ~~ABOVE~~ INFO WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS OFFICE AND THAT [redacted] BEING INTERROGATED BY OFFICERS, AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. UPON RECEIPT OF FBI LETTER YOUR OFFICE WILL BE FURNISHED COPIES. UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION RECIVED AT THIS OFFICE ALLEGES SUBJECT WANTED FOR CHECK PASSING.

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INFO : CDS, CSI, OOP

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

CI/tt
28 August 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object · 2300, 27 July 52 Topeka, Kansas
24-185-13-39

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

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1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [redacted]peka, Kansas, reported that at 2300 hours, 27 July 1952, she saw a tear-shaped object which appeared about ten (10) times the size of a large star with brilliant white light. The object was also observed by others in the area.

2. DETAILS: On 29 July 1952, Mrs. [redacted] Apt #74, Topeka, Kansas, stated upon interview that from 2300 hours, 27 July to 0300 hours, 28 July 1952, she observed a tear-shaped object about ten (10) times the size of a large star with a very brilliant white light maneuvering from north, north east to due east. The object rose from behind a clump of trees east of the court yard and rose steadily to high in the sky due east of the yard. The final observations revealed the object to be about 45° above the horizon and about seven (7) miles due east within the gravitational pull of the earth. The object made no noise and rose slowly with jerky motions and seemed to hover after each movement. No evidence of conventional aerodynamic structure was observed.

The following persons were interviewed and related substantially the same information as above concerning the object:

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Topeka, Kansas.
Mrs [redacted] Topeka, Kansas.
Mrs. [redacted] Topeka, Kansas.

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Mrs. [redacted]d that she reported the object at 0130 hours, 28 July 1952, to Base Operations, Forbes AFB, Kansas. S/Sgt H. E. WERNEN, 9[illegible]th Operations Squadron, tower operator on duty, stated that upon close scrutiny of the area he was able to observe only a large star due east which would answer the description given to him concerning the object.

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COMPLAINT FORM

I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION	DATE / TIME
ORGANIZATION	PLACE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.	HOW RECEIVED
BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.	TITLE
	CHARACTER

II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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III. OPEN NEW FILE OTHER ACTION

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT COMMANDER

AFHQ FORM 0-333
12 MAY 49

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1949—O-838035

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24-0 [redacted] 28 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

Forbes AFB and Topeka Municipal Airport weather stations reported the weather clear, warm and humid, and no meteorological balloons released in the area..

Mr. [redacted], Washburn University, was interviewed and stated that no celestial phenomenon had occurred on the night of the 27th which could explain the sighting. [redacted] stated he was of the opinion that the planet Jupiter had been observed by the interviewees, as Jupiter appears dilated at this time of the year because of unstable atmospheric conditions. The planet rises in the north east at 2230 hours and sets in the south east around 0330 hours.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she and the other observers retired for the night and did not witness the disappearance of the object.

3. ACTION: In the absence of specific request by competent authority, no further action is contemplated by this office.

Chas. Martin
CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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MT/EES/dr
10 November 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO:
Commanding General
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

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1. Attached for your information are two copies of Report of Investigation of Special Agent WILLIAM R. OCSTING, this district, dated 10 November 1949, on above subject.

2. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par II, AFR 205-1, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

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24-57 10 November 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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United States Air Force
The Inspector General
Office of Special Investigations
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No.
24-57 10 November 1949

Report Made by
WILLIAM R. OOSTING

Title
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT.
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Report Made at
DO #13, Offutt AFB

Period
11, 12, 17 October 1949

Office of Origin
DO #13, Offutt AFB

Status
CLOSED

Character
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

Reference
None, this is an initial report

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Synopsis

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District. On 26 July 1949 [redacted] and one witness saw an unidentified spinning object approximately four miles away at an altitude of 5,000 to 7,000 feet maintaining a straight course towards the southwest. Object was traveling at an estimated 400 - 500 MPH. The object emitted a bright light which closer inspection revealed to be the sun shining off the upper surfaces of the object which looked like an upside down saucer about 25 feet in diameter and three or four feet thick. The object was in view about three minutes and finally disappeared behind a line of hills. The weather was clear with light scattered clouds at 10,000 - 15,000 feet in the southwest, with a visibility of 40 miles.

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for MATTHEW THOMPSON Capt USAF
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District Commander [redacted]

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 27 July 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included as Inclosures #1, #2 and #3.

3 Inclosures:
(1) Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
(2) Sketch of object
(3) Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry."

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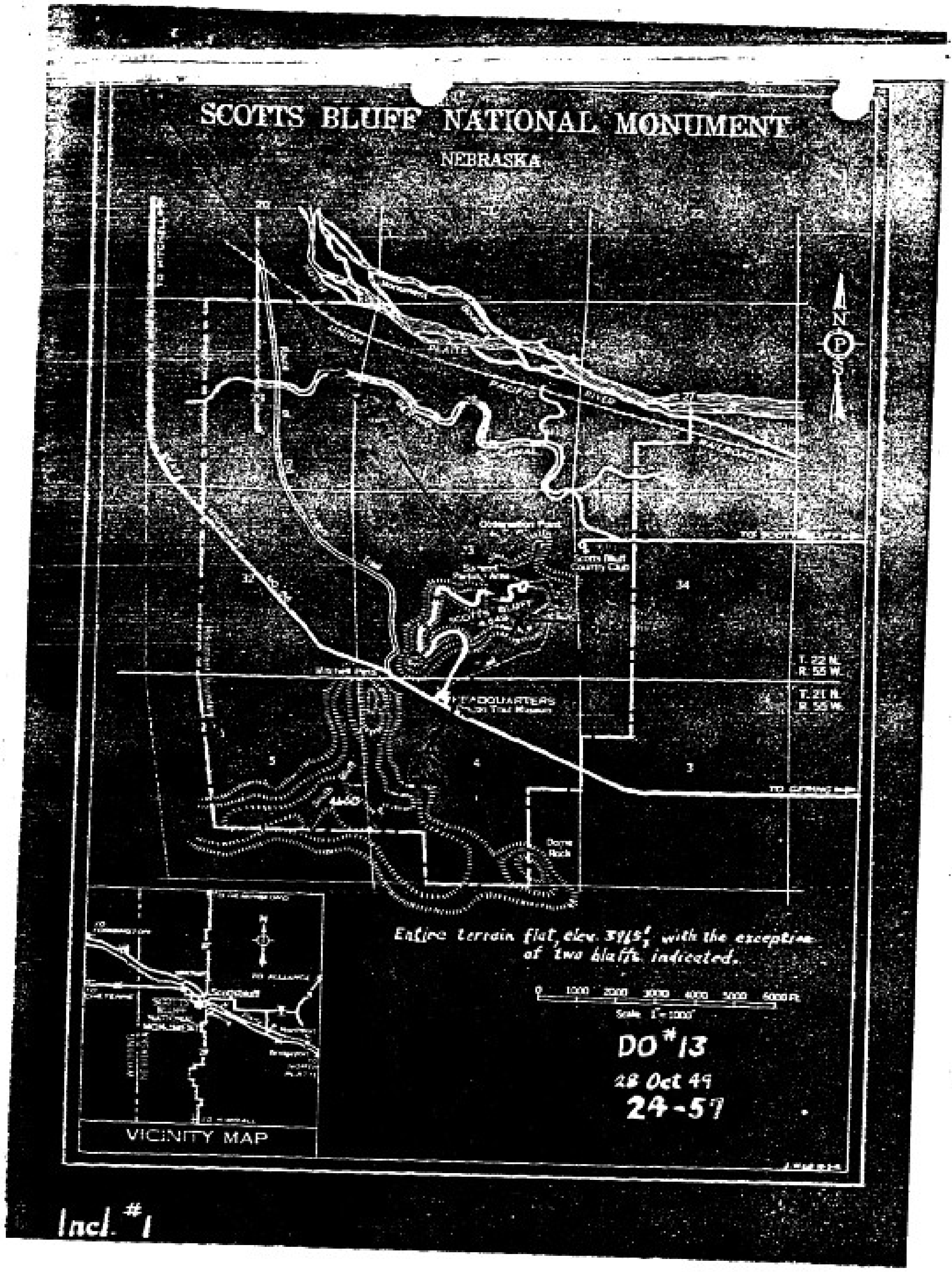
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VICINITY MAP
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Scottsbluff

Entire terrain flat, elev. 3915', with the exception of two bluffs indicated.

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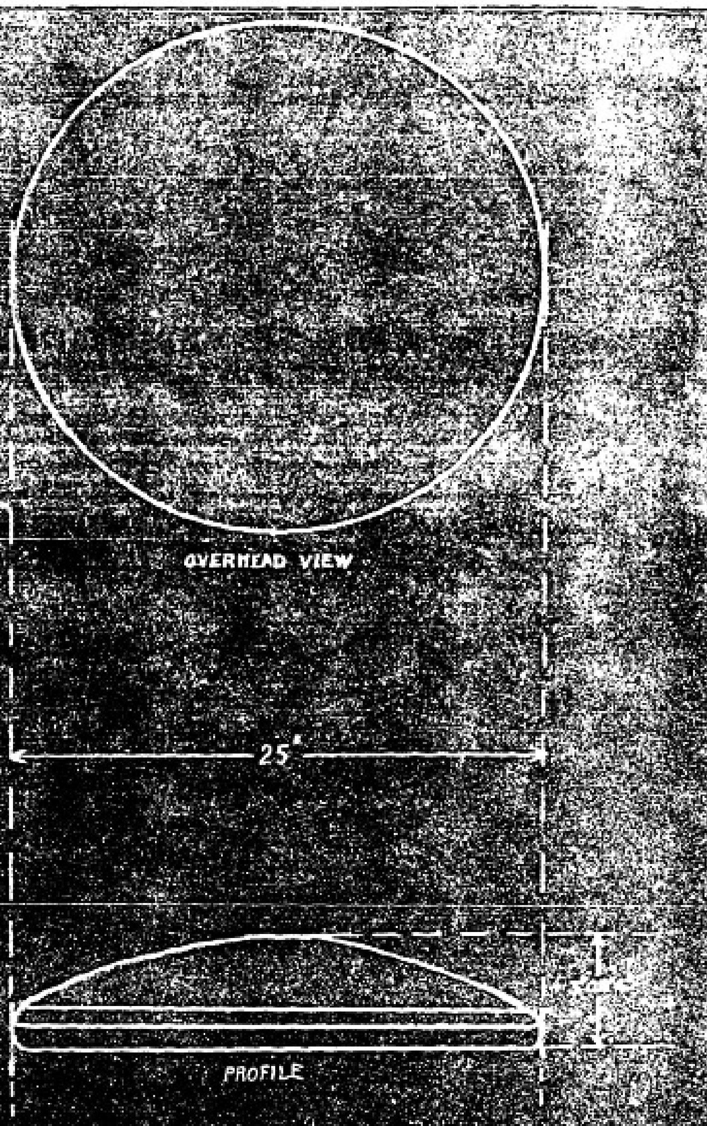
Incl. #1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DO #13
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Incl #2

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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 26 July 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1510 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

   (a). Ground Driving south on edge of Mitchell, Nebraska

   (b). Air N/A

   (c). Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible

   One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska on 26 July 1949

6. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Laterally or Horizontally Appeared approximately 4 miles in the south

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon 30°

   c. Altitude 5,000 to 7,000 feet

7. Time in sight 3 minutes

8. Appearance of object:

   a. Color Metallic silver with high reflective qualities

   b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Looked like upside down saucer (See Inc #2)

   c. Apparent construction (of what material or substance) Aluminum

   d. Size 25' diameter

9. Direction of flight Toward southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) Appeared to maintain level flight with exception of slight dipping motion from side to side. Appeared to be whirling.

Inc #1

[redacted]

CHECK SHEET - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted

a. Color smoke N/A

b. Length and width N/A

c. Odor (if any) N/A

d. Rate of evaporation N/A

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) N/A

12. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sky

a. Opened path thru clouds N/A

b. Forced cloud or mists N/A

c. Reflected on cloud N/A

d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: None noted

a. Reflected or attached N/A

b. Luminous N/A

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed N/A

14. Support: None noted

a. Wings N/A

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage N/A

c. Vertical jet N/A

d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible N/A

15. Propulsion:

a. Propeller or jet None Noted

b. Rotor Whirling motion of object gave impression of rotor

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) None noted
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None Noted

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:

a. Fine Object appeared to maintain straight course and more or less level flight.

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None noted

17. Air ducts:

a. Slots None noted

b. Duct openings None noted

18. Speed - M.P.H. 400 - 500 MPH

19. Sound:

a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A

c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode N/A

b. Faded from view N/A

c. Disappeared behind obstacle disappeared from view behind a line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address Mitchell, Nebraska

3. Occupation Physician and surgeon

4. Place of business Mitchell, Nebraska

5. Pertinent hobbies None

6. Ability to determine Average

7. Reliability of observer Excellent

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Was driving south on outer edge of town. Attention was drawn by a bright light flashing in his eyes. Closer examination revealed object which appeared to be whirling and dipping slightly

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from side to side. Closer examination revealed light to be reflection of sun from upper surfaces of disk which appeared to be very shiny.

c. [illegible] cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. Witnesses [redacted]

a. Addresses Mitchell, Nebraska

b. Occupation Student, age 10

c. Reliability Unknown

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated: Observer appeared to be of better than average intelligence, character and integrity.

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits?

N/A

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions temperature 86° F 1300-1700 hours, visibility 40 miles, light scattered clouds in southwest at 10,000 to 15,000 feet, surface wind NE 6 MPH.

2. Winds aloft report No report available

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border.) No local flight schedules were operating in this area.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, weather units, Research Organizations, or any other A check with Rapid City AFB failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression on spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils. N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where availalbe. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. All surrounding terrain is low rolling ground with exception of one small group of hills rising abruptly 600 feet above ground South of Mitchell.

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).

   d. Maneuvers.

   f. Formation if more than one object.

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.) None Noted

WILLIAM R. COSTING
Special Agent, OSI

(See AFOSI Letter No. 35, 12Aug49)

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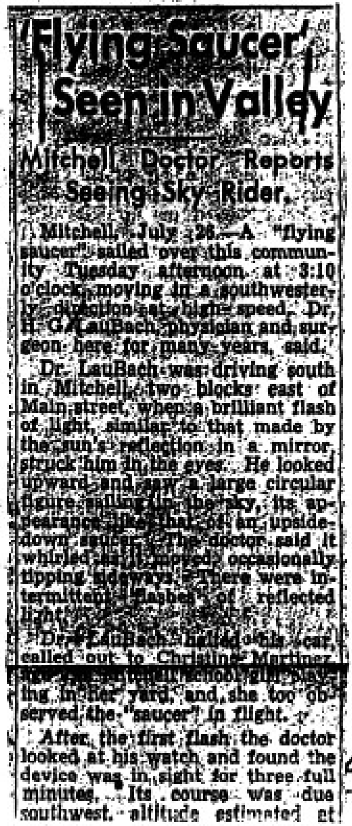
COMPLAINT FORM

I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION H. J. Wisner	DATE 11 October 1949	TIME 1400 hrs
ORGANIZATION	PLACE Scottsbluff, Nebraska	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.	HOW RECEIVED Verbal	
	TITLE Special Inquiry	
BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO. Daily Star-Herald Scottsbluff, Nebraska	CHARACTER Aerial Phenomena	

II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

See attached clipping which appeared in 27 July 1949 edition of the Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.



'Flying Saucer' Seen in Valley

Mitchell Doctor Reports Seeing Sky Rider.

Mitchell, July 26.—A "flying saucer" sailed over this community Tuesday afternoon at 3:10 o'clock, moving in a southwesterly direction at a high speed, Dr. H. G. LauBach, physician and surgeon here for many years, said.

Dr. LauBach was driving south in Mitchell, two blocks east of Main street, when a brilliant flash of light, similar to that made by the sun's reflection in a mirror, struck him in the eyes. He looked upward and saw a large circular figure sailing in the sky, its appearance like that of an upside-down saucer. The doctor said it whirled as it moved, occasionally tipping sideways. There were intermittent flashes of reflected light.

Dr. LauBach halted his car, called out to Christine Martinez, [illegible] school girl, playing in her yard, and she too observed the "saucer" in flight.

After the first flash the doctor looked at his watch and found the device was in sight for three full minutes. Its course was due southwest, altitude estimated at

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[illegible] served [illegible] flight.

After the first flash the doctor looked at his watch and found the device was in sight for three full minutes [illegible] due [illegible] of [illegible] would [illegible] direction of Cheyenne.

Laulach said the device sailed through [illegible] clouds, reappearing [illegible] Dr. Laulach said: "I would venture the saucer was about 25 feet in diameter." [illegible]

Last night there had been no reports [illegible] the [illegible]

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15 November 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO: Commanding General
Strategic Air Command
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

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BY KURT K. KUNZE, Capt, USAF
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1. Attached for your information are two (2) copies of Report of Investigation of Special Agent WILLIAM R. OOSTING, of this office, dated 15 November 1949 on above subject.

2. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, [illegible] 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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United States Air Force
The Inspector General
Office of Special Investigations
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No. 24-56 15 November 1949	
Report Made by WILLIAM R. OOSTING	
Report Made at DO #13, Offutt AFB	
Period 13, 14 October 1949	
Office of Origin DO #13, Offutt AFB	
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Title

SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Character
SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

Reference
None, this is an initial report

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Synopsis

Investigation initiated by District Commander, 13th OSI District. On 15 September 1949, Mr. CARL MACKRILL and two witnesses saw an unidentified object moving over Scottsbluff Monument, approximately six miles away. Object appeared to be spinning and wavering slightly from side to side, emitting a bright light, which was apparently the sun shining off the sides of the object. The object appeared to have about the same average dimensions as an automobile tire and wheel, was at an altitude of approximately 2500 feet, was in sight about two minutes, and finally disappeared from view over the Monument. The weather was clear with a visibility of 50 miles.

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for MATTHEW THOMPSON Capt USAF
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a news clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 19 September 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding the phenomena observed are included in attached Inclosures #1, #2, and #3.

3 INCLOSURES:

(1) Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
(2) Sketch of object.
(3) Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry."

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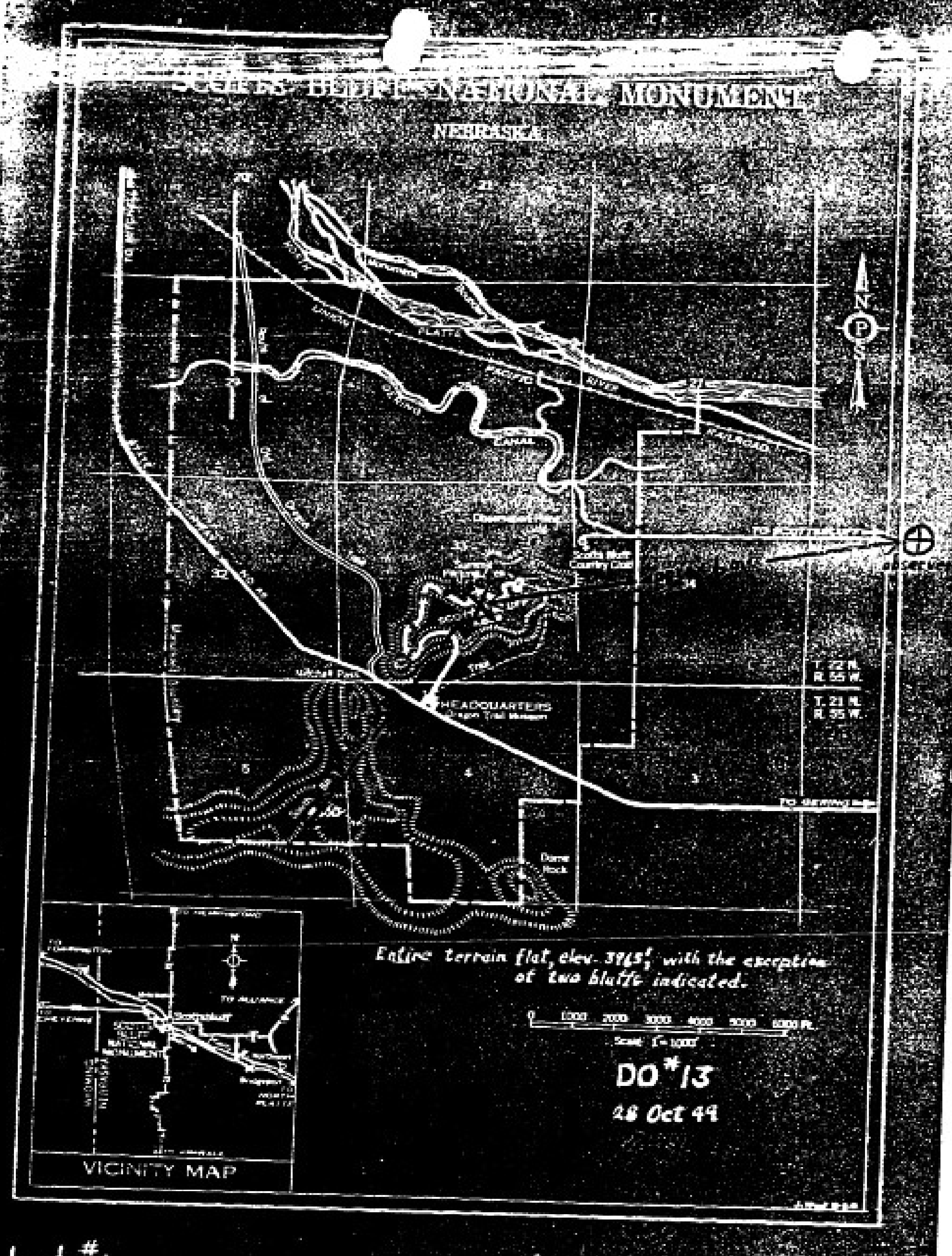
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Entire terrain flat, elev. 3965', with the exception of two bluffs indicated.

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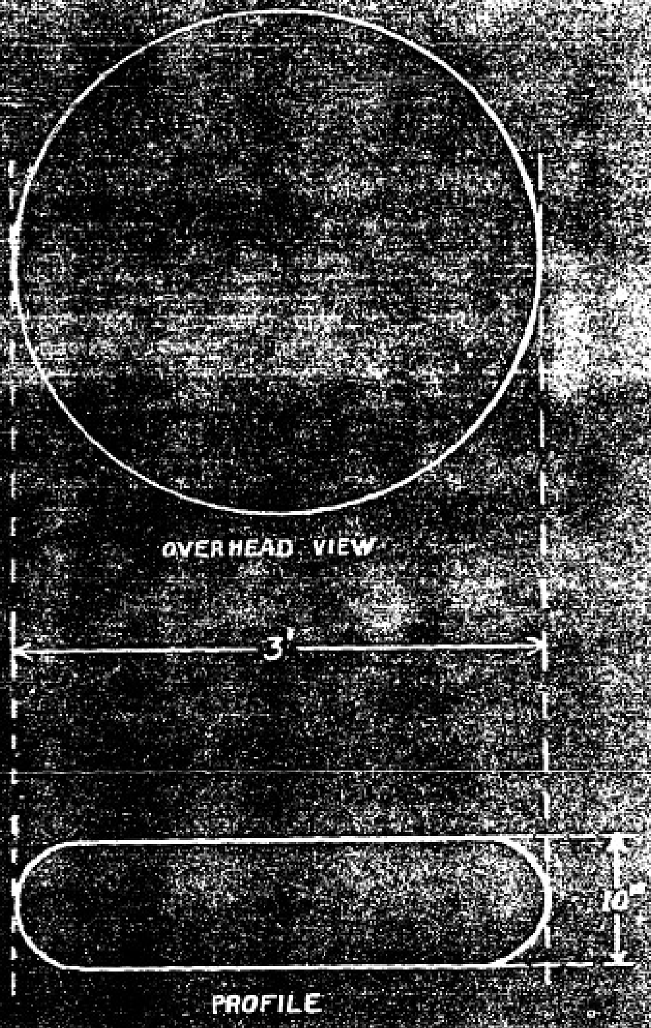
Incl. #1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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 15 September 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal in 24 hr. clock) 1530 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position): Was driving west on U. S. Highway 26, two miles east of Scottsbluff.

a. Ground

b. Air N/A

c. Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation time (if any), sketch if possible One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska on 15 September 1949.

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally or Horizontally Appeared six miles due west

b. Angle of elevation from horizon approximately 25°.

Appeared to be ½ mile above Scottsbluff Monument

c. Altitude six miles away.

7. Time in sight Two minutes

8. Appearance of object:

a. Color Silver

b. Shape (Sketch if possible) Appeared flat and perfectly round. See Inclosure #2.

c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance)

Unknown observer indicated that object appeared to be about

d. Size same dimensions as average automobile tire and wheel.

9. Direction of flight From Monument to southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc) Engaged in horizontal flight - appeared to be spinning and dipping slightly from side to side.

Incl #3

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted

a. Color of smoke N/A

b. Length and width N/A

c. Odor (if any) N/A

d. Rate of evaporation N/A

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) N/A

12. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sky

a. Opened path thru clouds N/A

b. Forced cloud or mists N/A

c. Reflected on cloud N/A

d. Showed thru cloud N/A

15. Lights: None noted

a. Reflected or attached N/A

b. Luminous N/A

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed N/A

14. Support:

a. Wings None noted

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage N/A

c. Vertical jet None noted

d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) N/A

15. Propulsion: Unknown

a. Propeller or jet None noted

b. Rotor Unknown

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) none noted
(Katz Mayer effect)

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None noted

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:

a. Fine Object appeared to maintain straight course

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None noted

17. Air ducts: None noted

a. Slots N/A
b. Duct openings N/A

18. Speed - M.P.H. Observer could make no estimate as object was in front of him and going away from him

19. Sound: None noted

a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A
b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A
c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode
b. Faded from view
c. Disappeared behind obstacle Disappeared behind line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted]ering, Nebraska

3. Occupation Carpenter

4. Place of business [redacted]ering, Nebraska

5. Pertinent hobbies None

6. Ability to determine Average

7. Reliability of observer Subsequent investigation revealed it to be excellent.

8. Notes relative to observer on:
a. Sightings in general
b. How attention was drawn to object(s) While driving towards Scottsbluff, noted bright light flashing over Scottsbluff Monument, Closer observation revealed object which looked to be about the size of an automobile wheel and which was dipping slightly from side to side as it traveled through the sky. The sun reflected off the side of the object as it dipped. Object seemed to have approximate reflective power of a large glass mirror or piece of chromium.

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c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. Witnesses: [redacted]

a. Addresses [redacted] Gering, Nebraska

b. Occupation Carpenter

c. Reliability Revealed to be excellent

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. Of average intelligence and character but believed to be of excellent integrity.

Relative to Radar Sightings:

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

a. Where there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? N/A

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions 1300 - 1700 hours. Clear, visibility 50 miles; temperature, 79°F, dew point 38°F.

2. Winds aloft report None Available

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border No local flight schedules were operation in that area.

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

4. Possible release of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other A check with Rapid City AFB failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils. N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

a. Object

b. Surrounding terrain where observed. All surrounding terrain is flat rolling country with exception of Scottsbluff Monument four miles SW of Scottsbluff, which rises abruptly to about 800 feet above average level of ground.

c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).

d. Maneuvers.

e. Formation, if more than one object.

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.)

WILLIAM R [illegible]
Special Agent, OSI

(See AFCSI Letter No. 85, 12 Aug 49)

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COMPLAINT FORM

I. ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION H. J. Wisner	DATE 11 October 1949	TIME 1400 hrs
ORGANIZATION	PLACE Scottsbluff, Neb	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO.	HOW RECEIVED Verbal	
	TITLE Special Inquiry	
BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO. Daily Star-Herald Scottsbluff, Neb	CHARACTER Aerial Phenomena	

II. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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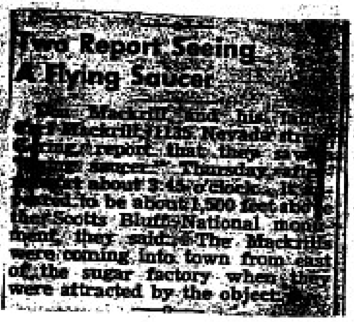

Two Report Seeing A Flying Saucer

[illegible] Mackrill and his [illegible] Mackrill, 1118 Nevada str[illegible] report that they saw a [illegible] saucer Thursday afte[illegible] about 3:45 o'clock. It [illegible]peared to be about 1,500 feet above the Scotts Bluffs National monument, they said. The Mackrills were coming into town from east of the sugar factory when they were attracted by the object.

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SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT COMMANDER

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24-48 14 November 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

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2. In regard to the inclosed report, your attention is invited to Par 11, AFR 205-6, dated 18 May 1949, which prohibits disclosure of this information to unauthorized persons.

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14 November 1949

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

TO: Commanding General
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Offutt Air Force Base
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United States Air Force The Inspector General Office of Special Investigations REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	File No. 24-48 10 November 1949
	Report Made by WILLIAM R. OOSTING
Title SPECIAL INQUIRY - UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT Scottsbluff, Nebraska	Report Made at DO #13, Offutt AFB
	Period 11 October 1949
	Office of Origin DO #13, Offutt AFB
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Character
Special Inquiry - Unconventional Aircraft

Reference
None, this is an initial report

Synopsis

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Investigation initiated by District [redacted]ommander, DO #13. On 14 September 1949, Mr [redacted]served a shiny object in the northeast about twenty miles away. The object was about 25 feet overall and consisted of an eight foot disk supported by an eight foot wing-like structure on opposite sides which apparently provided populsion. The object moved directly overhead maintaining a straight course at an altitude of 8,000 to 10,000 feet and a speed of 400-500 MPH. Object was sighted in conjunction with a four-engine bomber which was later identified as flying on a different course at a much lower altitude. The object was in view 60 to 90 seconds and finally disappeared behind a line of hills in the southwest. The weather was clear with thin scattered clouds at 20,000 feet with a visibility of 25 miles.

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District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation initiated by District Commander, DO #13, upon receipt of a newspaper clipping from the Scottsbluff Daily Star-Herald, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, dated 15 September 1949, and advisement of Radio Station WOW News Department, Omaha, Nebraska, on 15 September 1949.

AT SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

2. Pertinent details regarding phenomena sighted are set forth in attached Inclosures #1, #2, and #3.

INCLOSURES:

1. Map of area showing position of observer, terrain and path of object.
2. Detailed sketch of object.
3. Check Sheet, "Unconventional Aircraft - Special Inquiry)

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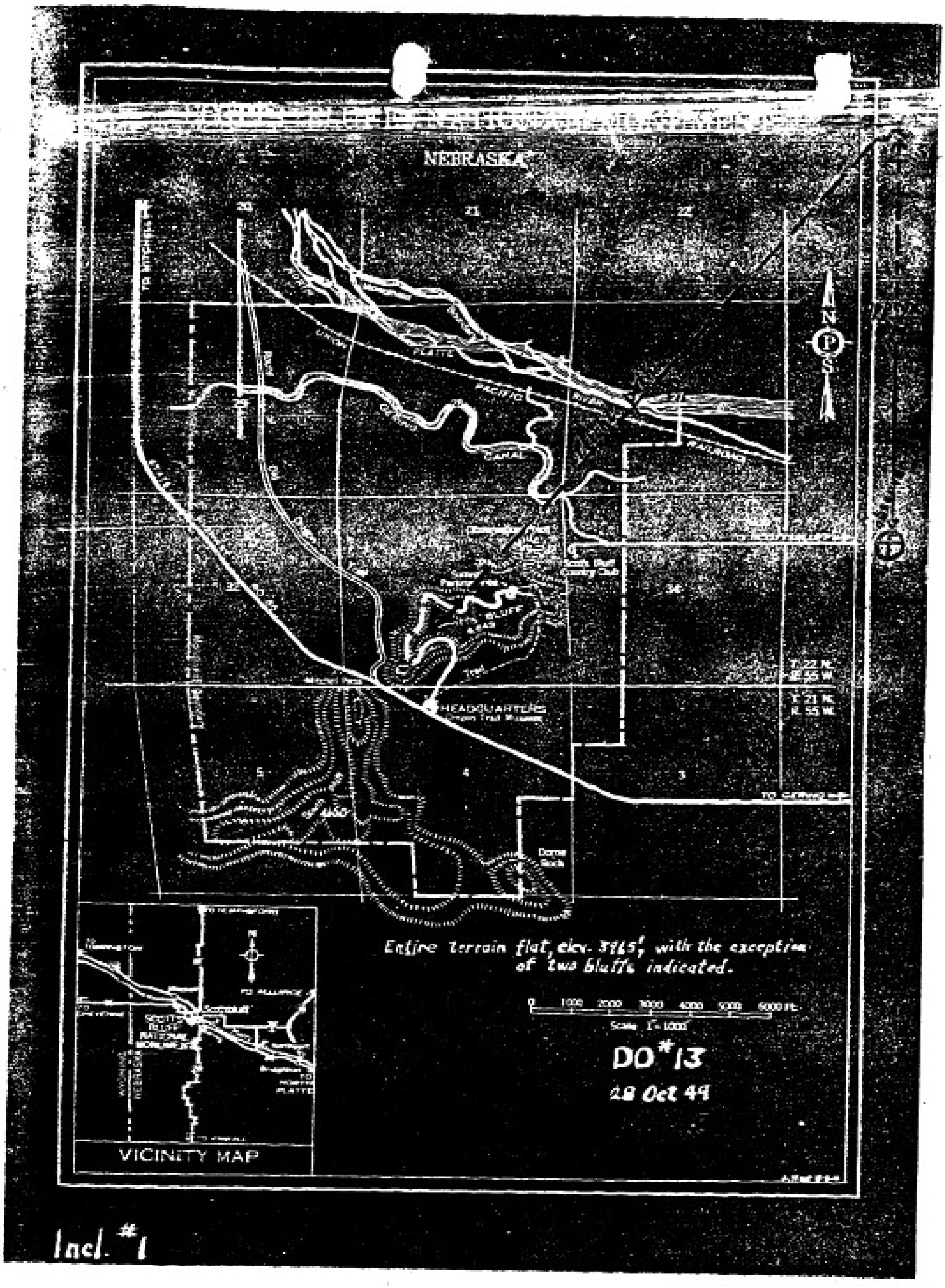
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SCOTTS BLUFF NATIONAL MONUMENT
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NORTH PLATTE

Entire terrain flat, elev. 3965', with the exception of two bluffs indicated.

DO #13

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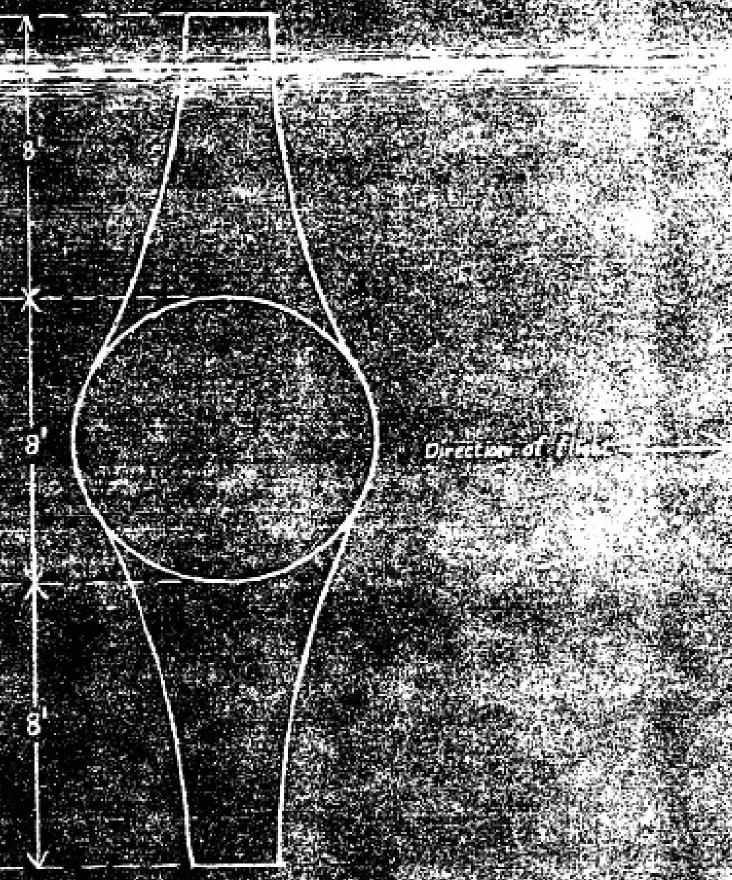
Incl. #1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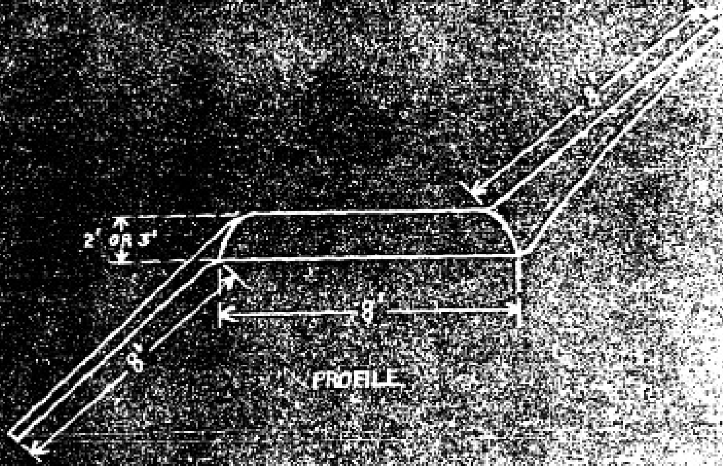
OVERHEAD VIEW



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CHECK SHEET

UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT - SPECIAL INQUIRY

1. Date of sighting 14 September 1949

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1630 hours

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

   a. Ground Standing in backyard of residence on edge of Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

   b. Air N/A

   c. Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible One

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) No celestial phenomena or planets were observed in the area of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, 14 September 1949.

6. Distance of object from observer:

   a. Laterally or Horizontally First sighted coming out of a cloud on horizon in northeast approximately 20 miles away.

   b. Angle of elevation from horizon Object proceeded due southwest and disappeared behind hills.

   C. Altitude Estimated 8,000 - 10,000 feet

7. Time in sight 60 - 90 seconds.

8. Appearance of object:

   a. Color Aluminum with high reflective qualities

   b. Shape (Sketch if possible) See Inclosure #2

   c. Apparent construction (of what material or substance) Aluminum

   d. Size Approximately 25' diameter with each wing and center portion comprising equal parts.

9. Direction of flight: Northeast to southwest

10. Tactics or maneuvers (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc. Assumed level flight - center section stable with wings alternately oscillating at 30° to 45° angle. As wing would oscillate, the saucer section would appear to dip slightly toward the ground on opposite side of moving wing.

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date 28 JUL 1966

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CHECK SHEET - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

11. Evidence of exhaust: None noted.

a. Color of smoke

b. Length and width

c. Odor (if any)

d. Rate of evaporation

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts)

12. Effect on clouds:

a. Opened path thru clouds Only one sizeable cloud in sky in northeast - object appeared to fly out of it.

b. Forced cloud or mists N/A

c. Reflected on cloud N/A

d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: None Noted

a. Reflected or attached

b. Luminous

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed

14. Support:

a. Wings See sketch (Inclosure #2) approximately 8" in length

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage

c. Vertical jet

d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) N/A

15. Propulsion:

a. Propeller or jet N/A

b. Rotor N/A

c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) Oscillation of wings
(Katz Mayer effect) appeared to provide propulsion

d. Visible exhaust or jet openings None Noted

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:
    a. Fine
    b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) None Noted

17. Air ducts: None noted

    a. Slots N/A
    b. Duct openings N/A

18. Speed - M.P.H. Estimated 400-500 M.P.H.

19. Sound: None Noted
    a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A
    b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A
    c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

    a. Explode N/A
    b. Faded from view N/A
    c. Disappeared behind obstacle Object was in view of observer until it disappeared behind a line of high hills.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted] Scottsbluff, Nebraska

3. Occupation Retired General Contractor

4. Place of Business Residence

5. Pertinent hobbies

6. Ability to determine Slightly better than average. Had worked at Scottsbluff AFB for number of years and appears to be familiar with and interested in various types of aircraft. Demonstrated proficiency at aircraft identification.

7. Reliability of observer Regarded in community as honest and intelligent and of highest character and integrity.

8. Notes relative to observer on:
    a. Sightings in general

    b. How attention was drawn to object(s) Heard 4 engined bomber in north-east and while looking for it, noticed object come out of cloud, followed by the bomber at a much lower altitude.

c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne N/A

9. Witnesses: None
   a. Addresses
   b. Occupation
   c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated Appeared to be of average intelligence and character and better than average integrity and ability to determine

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground: None

   a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

   b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

   c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

2. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

   a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? N/A

   b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions 1500 hours - 1700 hours, visibility 25 miles, thin scattered clouds at 20,000 feet; surface wind ENE 4, Temperature 70°F, dew point, 38° F.

2. Winds aloft report Not available, however CAA Weather Station made an estimate that winds aloft that day were normal westerly prevailing winds.

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Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) No local flight schedules were operating in that area.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other. A check with Rapid City AFB failed to reveal evidence of release of testing devices or weather balloons.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. (Inclosure #2)

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. (Inclosure #1)*

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). N/A

   d. Maneuvers. (N/A)

   e. Formation if more than one object. N/A

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. N/A

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such.) None.

(*7b, cont) All surrounding terrain is low rolling country with an exception of one group of hills 4 miles southwest of Scottsbluff, which rises abruptly approximately 600 feet above average level of ground.

WILLIAM R. OOSTING
Special Agent, OSI

(See AFOSI Letter No. 85, 12 Aug49)

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1. Date of sighting 14 SEP 49

2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock) 1630 HRS

3. Where sighted (observer's position):

a. Ground STANDING IN BACKYARD OF RESIDENCE ON EDGE OF ~~TOWN~~ Scottsbluff, Neb.

b. Air N/A

c. Sea N/A

4. Number of objects. Formation type (if any), sketch if possible ONE

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information) NO CELESTIAL PHENOMENA OR PLANETS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREA OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEB 14 SEP 49

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally or Horizontally FIRST SIGHTED COMING OUT OF A CLOUD ON HORIZON IN NORTHEAST

b. Angle of elevation from horizon OBJECT PROCEEDED DUE SOUTHWEST AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND HILLS

Approximately 20 miles away

c. Altitude ESTIMATED 8,000 - 10,000 FEET

7. Time in sight 60 - 90 SECONDS

8. Appearance of object:

a. Color ALUMINUM WITH HIGH REFLECTIVE QUALITIES

b. Shape (Sketch if possible) SEE INCLOSURE #2

c. Apparent construction (Of what material or substance) ALUMINUM

d. Size APPROX. 25' DIAMETER WITH EACH WING AND CENTER PORTION COMPRISING EQUAL PARTS

9. Direction of flight NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST.

10. Tactics or manoeuvres (Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.) ASSUMED LEVEL FLIGHT - CENTER SECTION STABLE WITH WINGS ALTERNATELY OSCILLATING AT 30° - 45° ANGLE. AS WING WOULD OSCILLATE THE SAUCER SECTION WOULD APPEAR TO DIP SLIGHTLY TOWARD THE GROUND ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF MOVING WING.

Incl #3

11. Evidence of exhaust: NONE NOTED
   a. Color of smoke ______
   b. Length and width ______
   c. Odor (if any) ______
   d. Rate of evaporation ______
   e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts) ______

12. Effect on clouds:
   a. Opened path thru clouds ONLY ONE SIZEABLE CLOUD IN SKY IN NORTHEAST - OBJECT APPEARED TO FLY OUT OF IT.
   b. Formed cloud or mists N/A
   c. Reflected on cloud N/A
   d. Showed thru cloud N/A

13. Lights: NONE NOTED
   a. Reflected or attached ______
   b. Luminous ______
   c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed ______

14. Support:
   a. Wings SEE SKETCH (Incl 2) - APPROX. 5' IN LENGTH
   b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage ______
   c. Vertical jet N/A
   d. Rotating cylinder or cone N/A
   e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible) N/A

15. Propulsion:
   a. Propeller or jet NONE NOTED
   b. Rotor N/A
   c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect) OSCILLATION OF WINGS APPEARED TO PROVIDE PROPULSION
   d. Visible exhaust or jet openings NONE NOTED

Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

16. Control and stability:
~~OBJECT APPEARED TO MAINTAIN STRAIGHT~~

a. Fins ~~COURSE AND MORE OR LESS LEVEL FLIGHT.~~ None

b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical) NONE NOTED

17. Air Ducts: NONE NOTED

a. Slots N/A

b. Duct openings N/A

18. Speed - M.P.H. ESTIMATED 400-500 MPH

19. Sound: NONE NOTED

a. Continuous whine or buzz N/A

b. Roar, whistle, whoosh N/A

c. Intermittent N/A

20. Manner of disappearance:

a. Explode N/A

b. Faded from view N/A

c. Disappeared behind obstacle OBJECT WAS IN VIEW OF OBSERVER UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED BEHIND A LINE OF HIGH HILLS

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer [redacted]

2. Address [redacted] SCOTTSBLUFF NEB

3. Occupation RETIRED GENERAL CONTRACTOR

4. Place of business RESIDENCE

5. Pertinent hobbies

6. Ability to determine SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN AVERAGE. HAD WORKED AT SCOTTSBLUFF AFB FOR NUMER OF YEARS**

7. Reliability of observer REGARDED IN COMMUNITY AS HONEST AND INTELLIGENT AND OF HIGHEST CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Sightings in general

b. How attention was drawn to object(s) HEARD 4 ENGINED BOMBER IN NORTH-EAST AND WHILE LOOKING FOR IT, NOTICED OBJECT COME OUT OF CLOUD, FOLLOWED BY THE BOMBER AT A MUCH LOWER ALTITUDE

** CONT'D OVER

** AND APPEARS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH AND INTERESTED IN VARIOUS TYPES OF AIRCRAFT. DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY AT AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION

Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

c. Degree of [illegible] and [illegible] at time of sighting in [illegible] N/A

9. Witnesses: NONE

a. Address

b. Occupation

c. Reliability

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. APPEARED TO BE OF AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE AND CHARACTER AND BETTER THAN AVERAGE INTEGRITY AND ABILITY TO DETERMINE

Relative to Radar Sightings

11. No radars operating on ground: NONE

a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target N/A

b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn? If radius of turn is not observable, how did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? N/A

c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible N/A

12. If airborne when object sighted: N/A

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits?

N/A

b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. N/A

General

1500 hrs - 1700 hrs

VISIBILITY 25 MILES, THIN SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 20,000 FT.

SURFACE WIND ENE 4, TEMPERATURE 70°F DEW POINT 38°F

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions

2. Winds aloft report NOT AVAILABLE HOWEVER CAA WEATHER STATION MADE AN ESTIMATE THAT WINDS ALOFT THAT DAY WERE NORMAL WESTERLY PREVAILING WINDS.

Check Sheet - Unconventional Aircraft (Cont)

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border) NO LOCAL FLIGHT SCHEDULES WERE OPERATING IN THAT AREA.

4. Possible release of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other A CHECK WITH RAPID CITY AFB FAILED TO REVEAL EVIDENCE OF RELEASE OF TESTING DEVICES OR WEATHER BALLOONS.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils N/A

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. N/A

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available. If not, secure sketches of:

   a. Object. INCL #

   b. Surrounding terrain where observed. INCL # 1

   c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened). N/A

   d. Maneuvers. N/A

   e. Formation if more than one object. N/A

8. Secure signed statement, if possible.

9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. N/A

10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extentions that might presumably be construed as such). NONE

7 b. All surrounding terrain is low rolling country with an exception of one group of hills 4 miles Southwest of Scottsbluff which rise abruptly to approximately 600 feet above average level of ground.

William R. Oosting
Special Agent, OSI

(See AFOSI Letter No. 85, 12Aug49)

SCOTT LUFF DAILY STAR-HERALD
15 Sept 1949

Flying Saucer Sighted Soaring Above City at Great Altitude

A twisting saucer-like object was observed in flight high over Scottsbluff Wednesday afternoon by Bert Chapman, retired building contractor.

The drone of a four-engine bomber first attracted Chapman's notice while he was watering the lawn at his home, 1313 Tenth avenue, about 4:30 p. m. While attempting to locate the plane, he noticed the aluminum-colored disk, twisting violently in flight. His first impression was that it was an airplane in distress. Seconds later the bomber appeared, heading in a slightly different direction and flying at a much lower altitude.

Information as to the starting point and destination of the bomber was unobtainable. A CAA official said Wednesday night that his station was not in contact with any large planes in the afternoon. He added that often large planes fly over here from Rapid City, S. D., enroute to bases in Colorado and Kansas.

Chapman said he followed the flight of the disk not longer than a minute and a half from its appearance in the northeast until it disappeared in the southwest. He estimated that the object was at an altitude of 8,000 feet and traveling 400 to 500 miles an hour.

The observer said that the object was so shiny that it made his eyes smart to watch it. It did not appear to be perfectly round. There seemed to be a dome in the center with offset wings. While the disk gyrated violently, it held a straight course, he said.

There was no imagination connected with his observance, the former contractor declared. He said he studied the object closely and that it appeared to be about 20 to 25 feet in diameter from his viewpoint. Chapman also related that twice during his life he has observed meteors in flight. He told of seeing one of these as a young man in Missouri and that the meteor later was excavated from its landing place in Kansas. He believes that the disk he saw Wednesday traveled faster than the meteors.

When Chapman first noticed the so-called flying saucer Wednesday he called to a girl in a neighboring yard. She was unable to locate the disk before it disappeared but did observe the bomber that was flying toward the south. No other person reported seeing the object.

Chapman admitted that before Wednesday he had "never believed this flying saucer stuff—thought it was the bunk." After seeing the disk, he hazarded a guess that the saucers are involved in governmental experiments.

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT
FEB/mb
6 October 1949

SUBJECT: Request for Reassignment of Suspense Dates

TO: District Commander
13th OSI District (IG) USAF
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

It is requested that the suspense dates on the following cases be extended as indicated:

CASE NO.	SUSPENSE DATE	NEW SUSPENSE DATE
24-296	1 Oct 49	10 Oct 49
24-303	29 Sep 49	15 Oct 49
24-458	24 Sep 49	10 Oct 49
24-48	30 Sep 49	10 Oct 49
6-19	3 Oct 49	13 Oct 49

FRED E. BOWE
Captain, USAF
Detachment Commander

Classification cancelled (or changed
to [redacted]), by
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by ....
Date......... 28 JUL 1966 ....

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SCOTTSBLUFF? NEB. SEPT 15--(UP)--THOSE FLYING SAUCERS ARE BACK AGAIN. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT A RETIRED CONTRACTOR LIVING HERE REPORTED YESTERDAY BERT A. CHAPMAN SAID ONE CAME OUT OF THE NORTHEAST AND IN 90 SECONDS HAD DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT IN THE SOUTHWEST. HE SAID IT LOOKED TO HIM LIKE IT WAS "ABOUT 8,000 FEET UP" AND GOING " I GUESS ABOUT 400 MILES AN HOUR". HE DESCRIBED THE OBJECT AS "SPOTTED?" SOUNDLESS, RECTANGULAR ("LONGER THAN IT WAS WIDE") AND ABOUT 25 FEET LONG. HE SAID HE NOTICED IT WHEN HE LOOKED UP "TO WATCH AN AIRPLANE."

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SCOTTSBLUFF? NEBRASKA -- WELL? THOSE FLYING SAUCERS ARE BACK IN THE MIDWEST AGAIN. A RETIRED SCOTTSBLUFF? NEB. BUILDING CONTRACTOR WHO BELIEVED "THIS FLYING SAUCER STUFF WAS THE BUNK" HAD A DIFFERENT STORY TO TELL TODAY. BERT CHAPMAN IS NOT ONLY DESCRIBING WHAT HE SAW YESTERDAY? BUT THINKS THE SO CALLED SAUCERS ARE GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENTS. CHAPMAN TELLS THE STORY: HIS ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON THE SAUCER WHEN HE HEARD THE ROAR OF A FOUR MOTORED BOMBER WHILE AT WORK IN HIS YARD AT 4:30 PM. HE NOTICED THE DISK AND SECONDS LATER THE BOMBER APPEARED. HE SAID THE TWISTING ALUMINUM COLORED DISK SPED ACROSS THE SKY IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION WHILE THE PLANE WAS TRAVELING SOUTH. CHAPMAN ESTIMATED THE SAUCER LIKE OBJECT WAS FLYING AT 8 THOUSAND FEET AND BETWEEN 400 TO 500 MILES AN HOUR. HE SAID HE OBSERVED IT FOR NEARLY A MINUTE AND ONE HALF BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE OBJECT DID NOT SEEM TO BE PERFECTLY ROUND AND THERE APPEARED TO BE A DOME IN THE CENTER WITH OFFSET WINGS. AND THAT'S THE LATEST ON THOSE MYSTERIOUS FLYING SAUCERS.

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RADIO STATION WOW NEWS DEPARTMENT -- 15 SEPTEMBER 1948

SAUCER CONDENSATION AP & UP REEVES S/A

BERT A. CHAPMAN, RETIRED CONTRACTOR, SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA, REPORTED SEEING A FLYING SAUCER ON/1$/ 14 SEPTEMBER 1948. HE DESCRIBED THE TWISTING DISK AS ALUMINUM COLORED, SPOTTED, SOUNDLESS, RECTANGULAR, ABOUT 25 FEET IN LENGTH, WITH AN APPARENT DOME IN THE CENTER, AND WITH OFFSET WINGS. THE SAUCER CAME FROM THE NORTHEAST AT APPROXIMATELY 8 THOUSAND FEET AND CONTINUED IN VIEW FOR SOME 90 SECONDS, MAINTAINING A SOUTHWESTERLY COURSE AT 400-500 MPH. ONLY SECONDS AFTER THE DISK APPEARED, CHAPMAN OBSERVED IN THE NORTH A FOUR-ENGINED BOMBER WHICH CONTINUED ON A COURSE DUE SOUTH. TIME REPORTED WAS 1630 CST.

AFISIIC/Capt Pulido/md/69060/21 Feb 67
rewritten: Maj Reese/mm /65644/23 Feb 67

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23 February 1967

UFO Reporting (Your Ltr, 7 Feb 1967)

OSI Dist 13

1. Files of this Directorate contain only a limited amount of information regarding the specific matter referred to in your letter. This information has been furnished to the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information (SAF-OI), and Foreign Technology Division (FTD), the agencies responsible for processing all information concerning UFO's.

2. In addition, SAF-OI has the responsibility for the release of information concerning UFO's. In this regard, the article mentioned by the requester was a release made by SAF-OI, the office to which Colonel Freeman is assigned. It is therefore suggested that any requests for information and guidance regarding UFO's should be directed to the local USAF OI, SAF-OI or the FTD, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio in accordance with AFR 80-17.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OSI DISTRICT 13 (HQ USAF)
OFFUTT AFB, NEBRASKA 68113

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 13D CI 3

7 FEB 1967

SUBJECT: UFO Reporting

TO: AFISII

1. Files of this office contain no information such as is indicated in and requested by the attached correspondence from SAC (IGSP), dated 3 Feb 67.

2. Request any information that may be furnished the requester concerning this matter. Additionally, you may wish to suggest guidelines for this district's guidance to the requester, so that any advice furnished will be in consonance with any that may be furnished to other major air command headquarters.

GEORGE W. McCORKLE, Colonel, USAF
Commander

1 Attachment:
Ltr, SAC (IGSP),
3 Feb 67, Subj:
UFO Reporting
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
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3 FEB 1967

SUBJECT: [illegible]

TO: OSI Dist 13
Offutt AFB Nebr 68113

1. Reference attached article which appeared in the Omaha World Herald on Friday, 27 Jan 67.

2. The implication that someone has been impersonating Air Force officers and attempting to silence those reporting UFO's could cause considerable confusion. The public image of the Air Force is weakened by apparent efforts at concealment and at the same time denying the American origin of the unidentified objects. The purpose behind these deceptive tactics and the persons responsible for them need to be identified to restore public confidence in Air Force procedures for reporting and investigation of UFO's. Air Force personnel should be told what procedures to follow when contacted by someone bearing "impressive credentials" attempting to officially silence UFO reports.

3. Request any information available concerning this matter be furnished this office and guidance on appropriate action to take if the situation is repeated.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

[illegible], JR., Colonel, USAF
Chief, Security-Law Enforcement Division (IG)

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UFO 'Agents' Are Mystery

Pentagon Official: None in Air Force

North American Newspaper Alliance:

New York — Mysterious men dressed in Air Force uniforms or bearing impressive credentials from Government agencies have been "silencing" unidentified flying object witnesses, according to Col. George P. Freeman, Pentagon spokesman.

"We have checked a number of these cases," Colonel Freeman said, "and these men are not connected with the Air Force in any way."

Colonel Freeman cited one recent case in which the police officers and other witnesses at the UFO sightings in Wanaque, N. J., were allegedly collected together by a man wearing an Air Force uniform. They were told that they "hadn't seen anything" and that they shouldn't discuss the incident.

"We checked with the local Air Force base," Colonel Freeman declared, "and discovered that no one connected with the Air Force had visited Wanaque on the date in question."

Similar mystery men, according to other sources, have turned up and confronted UFO witnesses in California, Washington, Texas, Connecticut, and on Long Island, N. Y.

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